

CMS Abandons Nursing Home Arbitration Appeal

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on Friday ditched its Fifth Circuit appeal of a decision blocking the agency's ban on mandatory nursing home arbitration, the latest signal that the ban's days may be numbered. [Read more »](#)

EMPLOYMENT

7th Circ. Urged To Have 2nd Look At 'Right-To-Work' Laws

Less than three years after ruling in favor of so-called "right-to-work" laws, the Seventh Circuit is being asked to revisit its decision by a pair of Wisconsin unions that said Friday they are prepared to put the issue once again before a full bench of the court. [Read more »](#)

AEROSPACE & DEFENSE

Armed Services Want Extra \$32B For 'Unfunded Priorities'

The four U.S. armed services have asked for about \$32 billion in extra funding for purchases such as additional F-35 fighter jets, according to "unfunded priorities" lists that were made public Thursday and Friday after being delivered to Congress earlier in the week. [Read more »](#)

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Enviros Urge DC Circ. To Keep Elephant Hunting Trophy Ban

Animal rights groups have asked the D.C. Circuit not to revive a challenge from the Safari Club and the National Rifle Association against the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's decision to ban imports of sport-hunted African elephant trophies from Zimbabwe, saying the agency has broad authority to protect threatened species. [Read more »](#)

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IRS Barred From Charging Fees For Tax Return Preparers

The Internal Revenue Service has been ordered to refund certain fees it has been charging tax return preparers since 2011, as a federal judge sided with a class of more than a million preparers and said that the IRS lacks the authority to regulate them. [Read more »](#)

IMMIGRATION

San Antonio Sues To Block Texas' Immigrant Check Law

The city of San Antonio and three nonprofits on Thursday hit the state of Texas with a suit in federal court, seeking to block a new law that allows police officers to decide how to question individuals about their immigration status, arguing that the law is unconstitutional and will incite racial profiling. [Read more »](#)

ICE Wrongly Restricts Detainee Access To Legal Aid, Suit Says

A legal service organization that works with detained immigrants hit U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement with a lawsuit Thursday, challenging a new written policy that the group argues wrongly restricts access to legal aid. [Read more »](#)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

FCC To Consider Slate Of Public Safety Issues In June

The Federal Communications Commission's next monthly meeting will focus on several public safety-related initiatives, Chairman Ajit Pai said in a blog post on Thursday, including proposals governing an opt-out process for a nationwide first responder network and a new Amber Alert-like code for law enforcement threats. [Read more »](#)

DC Circ. Stays FCC Relaxing Of TV Station Ownership Limits

The D.C. Circuit on Thursday temporarily paused a Federal Communications Commission vote reinstating a loosening of TV station ownership rules that was nixed by the Democratic-led agency last year, saying it would give the appeals court time to consider the arguments made by advocacy organizations to prevent the vote from taking effect. [Read more »](#)

FCC Publishes Data Service, Internet, Studio Reforms

The Federal Communications Commission published several final and proposed rules in the Federal Register on Friday introducing reforms to business data services, jurisdictional separations, studio requirements for broadcasters and regulation of the internet. [Read more »](#)

FLORIDA

Fla. Gov., Legislators Have Budget Deal, Special Session Set

Fla. Gov. Rick Scott announced Friday he will sign the 2017-18 state budget, with \$410 million in vetoes, and call back state lawmakers for a three-day special session starting Wednesday after reaching an agreement with legislative leaders on additional spending for education and economic development programs. [Read more »](#)

Q&A

Q&A With Klasko Immigration Law Partners' William Stock

Immigration lawyers need to be aware that immigration restriction advocates placed in policy-level positions within agencies, and their allies in Congress, will be trying to make changes that may seem minor to the broader public but that will have enormous detrimental impacts, says William Stock of Klasko Immigration Law. [Read more »](#)

EXPERT ANALYSIS

Monthly Column

Congressional Forecast: June

Members of Congress return to Washington, D.C., this week for a four-week work period before the Fourth of July recess. Many of the same issues that absorbed their attention during the first five months of the year will continue to dominate the June agenda on Capitol Hill, say Richard Hertling and Kaitlyn McClure of Covington & Burling LLP. [Read more »](#)

9 Things To Know About Trump's Paris Agreement Decision

After declining to recommit to the Paris climate change agreement at last week's G-7 summit, it came as little surprise that President Donald Trump announced the U.S. will withdraw from the Paris climate accord. Attorneys with Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP discuss some of the most important aspects of Trump's recent decision. [Read more »](#)

The Regulatory Process And Beyond For Net Neutrality

Last month, the Federal Communications Commission set a course to revise and replace the 2015 Open Internet Order. While polarized sides of the political spectrum and different industry players battle over how the regulatory landscape will settle, all concerned will be in danger of paying the price of uncertainty in the near term, says professor Evan Franke of George Washington University. [Read more »](#)

How The FAA Is Advancing Drone Operations

In recent months, the Federal Aviation Administration has announced a technology-based solution to provide operators of drones with geographical data on where their use is restricted. And an FAA affiliate has published a study on hazards from drone-human collisions. All this information should streamline

procedures and improve risk assessments around drone use, say Erik Dullea and Chris Sundberg of Husch Blackwell LLP. [Read more »](#)

Maryland's Energy Storage Credit Has Strings Attached

Last month, Maryland became the first state in the U.S. to offer a tax credit for energy storage systems. But its value may be limited by a cap on the total amount of credits the state will issue in a given year, questions about how partnerships may be allowed to allocate the credit between sponsors and investors, and other considerations, say attorneys at Mayer Brown LLP. [Read more »](#)

LEGAL INDUSTRY

More Women Are GCs, But They're Not Coming From Firms

The number of women leading Fortune 500 legal departments is higher than ever while companies increasingly select candidates from the corporate sphere to fill general counsel roles instead of turning to law firms, a new report released Friday found. [Read more »](#)

Legal Industry Adds 2,000 New Jobs In May

The legal sector continued to gain momentum in 2017, adding 2,000 new jobs in May to reach its highest level in nearly four years, according to the latest employment report released Friday by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. [Read more »](#)

In Case You Missed It: Hottest Firms And Stories On Law360

For those who missed out, here's a look back at the law firms, stories and expert analyses that generated the most buzz on Law360 last week. [Read more »](#)

BigLaw Alums Q&A: Glen Rothstein

In my view, the unwavering commitment to embracing the battle for the inches is the

difference between winning and losing for your clients; between living and slowly dying as a practitioner and a human being, says Glen Rothstein, founder of Rothstein Law APC. Read more »

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Here are some names used by politicians to sell school vouchers to the public:

1. Opportunity Scholarships: A voucher that can be used for a wide range of items connected to attending a private and/or religious school.
2. Parental Choice Scholarships: Functions like opportunity scholarships. The American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), which recently announced plans to up its game promoting vouchers, is peddling its own model of this type of voucher legislation.
3. Tuition Tax Credits: Provides a state or federal income tax credit for private and/or religious school expenses, including tuition.
4. Education Savings Accounts: An investment account, similar to a Roth IRA, where money for private-school expenses can be saved. Education savings accounts generally benefit families who can already afford to send their kids to private school.
5. Charitable Tax Credit: Allows individuals and businesses to take a tax credit for donating to private, non-profit organizations that provide private school vouchers.

Whether they are so-called opportunity scholarships, tuition tax credits/deductions, or education savings accounts, the money to cover all of these voucher programs has to come from somewhere, and itâs usually taken away from the vast majority of students attending our traditional public schools.

Please say NO to school voucher schemes like HB 200.

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Why Arkansas' Medicaid Rollback Could Be a Model for Expansion States

Medicaid expansion has placed a severe financial strain on the budgets of the states that chose to expand under the provisions instituted by the Affordable Care Act (ACA). In several states, lawmakers are offering proposals to roll back or repeal their Medicaid expansion under new plans designed to improve the flawed program. Medicaid expansion, at its core, builds on a failing model in which the federal government dictates multiple aspects of the government insurance plan, thereby losing the beneficial aspects of market competition.

Arkansas is the originator of private-option model that many states used to expand their Medicaid programs. With its Medicaid expansion failing to contain rapidly increasing costs, Arkansas will soon become the first state to enact reforms significantly scaling back Medicaid expansion under the ACA.

Under Arkansas' "premium assistance" model, which was passed in 2013, an estimated 250,000 new enrollees were added to the state's Medicaid rolls. These new enrollees are able to purchase private insurance from the state's Obamacare health insurance exchange, receiving a premium-support payment to purchase the insurance. Despite the private-market veneer, Arkansas' program maintained many of the most problematic aspects of the state's failed Medicaid system and has led to increased costs.

Arkansas legislators recently passed a bill that shrinks eligibility for the expanded Medicaid program from 138 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) down to 100 percent FPL. The reduced eligibility standards is expected to reduce state Medicaid rolls by 60,000 people, or approximately 20 percent of the total Medicaid-expansion enrollment. In a statement on Arkansas' Medicaid rollback, Americans for Prosperity argued this "is a good step towards bringing the program closer to its originally intended beneficiary group, and ensuring that limited state and federal dollars are flowing to the Arkansans who need it most."

In its initial expansion, Arkansas chose not to impose premiums on beneficiaries with incomes under the poverty level, and despite the fact it had obtained a waiver from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to do otherwise, it never collected premiums from people with incomes from 100-138 percent of the federal poverty level.

The new law also requires state leaders to submit requests to the federal government for a waiver that would allow the state to require work requirements for able-bodied individuals seeking to enroll. The Trump administration has suggested it supports similar reforms in past, which means the waiver will likely be approved. The new work requirements that would be included with the rollback use methods that proved to be very effective when they were included in the welfare reforms of the 1990s; in a study examining poverty after the 1990's welfare reforms, the Manhattan Institute found the inclusion of work requirements led to substantial reductions in poverty nationwide.

Amongst the most significant problems with Medicaid expansion is a lack of clear funding in the future. The federal government has promised to cover 100 percent of the costs of newly eligible enrollees until 2017, but the matching

rate declines over time, so states will eventually have to find other ways to pay for the newly eligible population.

In a report from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), an examination of Medicaid's finances found the average cost of ACA's Medicaid expansion enrollees was nearly 50 percent higher in fiscal year 2015 than the levels HHS had projected the previous year. In 2015, Medicaid expansion enrollees cost an average of \$6,366; HHS had predicted it would be \$4,281.

Medicaid expansion is already straining and stretching Arkansas's budget and creating serious issues related to waste and fraud. According to *The Washington Post*, the initial projections by an actuary firm hired by Arkansas to review the plan found the premium-support model would cost federal taxpayers \$18.9 billion over the next 10 years and an additional \$1.59 billion from Arkansas taxpayers.

Arkansas is not the only state to consider rolling back its Medicaid expansion. Legislators in Ohio and Oregon are considering reforms similar to what was passed in Arkansas.

States that have not expanded should avoid doing so, but for states that have expanded Medicaid, Arkansas' reforms could be a good model for limiting the growth and cost of Medicaid expansion. Other states should take advantage of the waiver process while there is an administration in the White House willing to approve reform-minded Medicaid changes.

You can find additional documents examining Medicaid reform in greater detail here.

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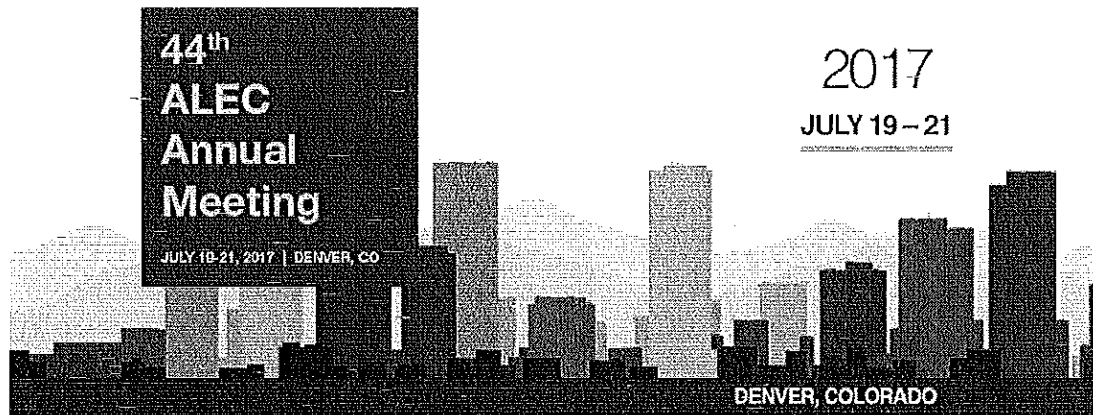


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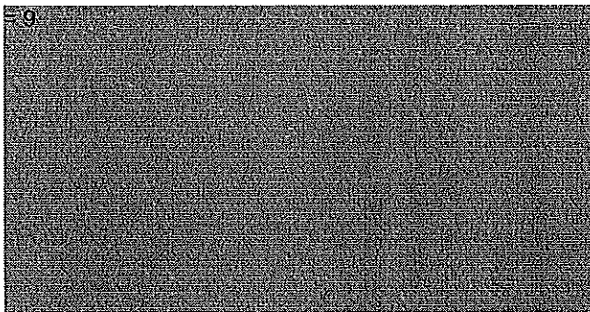
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Join ALEC and Secretary DeVos as she speaks to what is being done for Education issues at the state and federal levels.
This will be a highlight of the meeting!

Workshop: "The State of Oil and Natural Gas Regulations: Local Governments vs. State Agencies & How the Industry Can Best Balance Transparency and Safety"

Conversations around oil and gas have drastically shifted over recent years. Many argue that local governments are best suited to handle oil and gas regulations, while others would argue State agencies are best equipped to do so.

Come and be a part of the conversation!



Policy Spotlight

The ALEC Health and Human Services Task Force is excited to announce Grace-Marie Turner and Avik Roy will be joining the task force to speak on the state of Health Reform in the states.



Grace Marie Turner
President
Galen Institute

Turner has been instrumental in developing and promoting ideas for reform to transfer power over health care decisions to doctors and patients. She speaks and writes extensively about incentives to promote a more competitive, patient-centered marketplace in the health sector.



Avik Roy
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Roy is the author of *How Medicaid Fails the Poor* and *Transcending Obamacare: A Patient-Centered Plan for Near-Universal Coverage and Permanent Fiscal Solvency*. He serves on the advisory board of the National Institute for Health Care Management and co-chaired the Fixing Veterans Health Care Policy Taskforce.

This is a great opportunity to hear from two major players in the health care reform fight.

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Don't forget to make your hotel reservation!

The Hyatt Regency will serve as the host hotel for the ALEC Annual Meeting. Book now at the discounted rate of \$205/per night.

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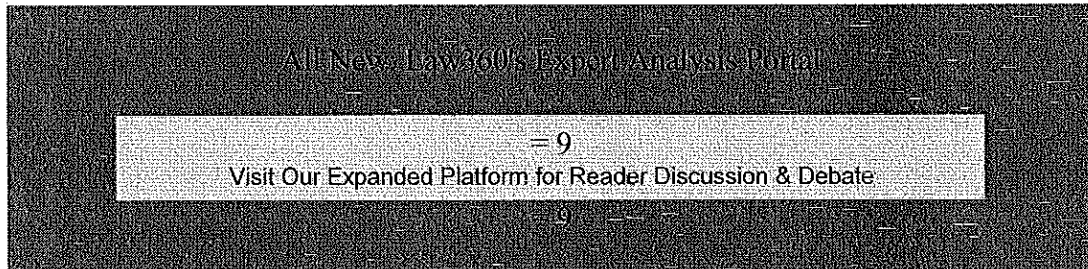
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Red-State Cities Face Uphill Battle To Keep Paris Pledge

Scores of U.S. cities say they will honor the goals laid out by the Paris climate agreement despite President Donald Trump's vow to pull out of the deal, but cities in climate-policy-resistant Republican states won't have as much leeway to clamp down on greenhouse gas

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Key Questions About Move To Privatize Air Traffic Control = 9

President Donald Trump's full-throated backing of efforts to spin off air traffic control functions from the Federal Aviation Administration into a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization is an opening salvo in what's likely to be a pitched political battle over revamping a central component of the nation's air travel system. Here are several key questions that Congress will have to answer when it tackles negotiations on ATC reform. [Read more »](#)

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Trump Picks Kirkland & Ellis Partner For Top DOJ Enviro Spot

President Donald Trump on Tuesday said he would nominate Kirkland & Ellis LLP partner Jeffrey Bossert Clark, who represented BP Exploration & Production Inc. during the litigation surrounding the Deepwater Horizon disaster, to serve as assistant attorney general for the U.S. Department of Justice's Environment and Natural Resources Division. [Read more »](#)

Michelle Lee Resigns As USPTO Director

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Director Michelle Lee resigned from her post on Tuesday, the Trump administration announced. [Read more »](#)

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IRS Service Advances Leaving Tax Pros Behind, Olson Says

= 9 While the IRS has been working on a web-based service initiative in an attempt to overhaul the taxpayer experience, practitioner needs have largely been left out of those modernization efforts, National Taxpayer

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Advocate Nina Olson told Law360 in a recent interview. [Read more »](#)

16 States Back Trump's Travel Ban In Amicus Brief

Sixteen states filed an amicus brief in the U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday in support of President Donald Trump's travel ban on nationals from six Muslim-majority nations, arguing that the Constitution does not protect nonresident immigrants entering the U.S. and that the court must presume the executive order was valid and drafted in good faith. = 9 [Read more »](#)

Senate Passes VA Reform Bill Allowing For Easier Firing

The Senate on Tuesday passed a series of reforms to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, in a bipartisan bill intended to increase whistleblower protections and allow VA managers greater ability to fire employees. [Read more »](#)

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Senate Panel OKs FERC Noms, BigLaw Atty As DOI No. 2

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission could soon be up and running again after a Senate panel advanced two new members Tuesday, as part of a slate of President Donald Trump's nominees including a Brownstein Hyatt Farber & Schreck LLP partner for a Department of the Interior post. [Read more »](#)

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House Dems Look To Institutionalize Enviro Justice Offices

Three House Democrats on Monday introduced a package of legislation intended to enshrine a commitment to environmental justice into law

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and ensure the White House and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have staffers dedicated to those issues. [Read more »](#)

7 Democratic AGs Challenge Trump's EPA Over Pesticide

A coalition of seven Democratic attorneys general on Monday challenged a decision by the Trump administration's Environmental Protection Agency to delay new safety rules on a common pesticide found to harm children's development, arguing that the agency violated federal law by refusing to institute safety standards. [Read more »](#)

DC Circ. Won't Rethink Challenge To EPA Sewage Rule Method

The D.C. Circuit declined Tuesday to rethink its conclusion that it lacks jurisdiction to hear an industry coalition's challenge of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's decision to apply the Eighth Circuit's finding that the agency improperly crafted water pollution rules only to states within that circuit court's jurisdiction. [Read more »](#)

MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

Senate Dems Seek Hearing On Sinclair-Tribune Deal

Eight Senate Democrats on Monday asked the chairmen of the Senate Commerce and Judiciary committees to conduct hearings on the proposed Tribune-Sinclair merger and on a Federal Communications Commission media ownership rule change helping make way for the deal. [Read more »](#)

Pa. Appeals Court Won't Revive Ex-Rep's Defamation Suit

A Pennsylvania appellate court agreed Tuesday to throw out a former state representative's efforts to revive defamation claims against a CBS affiliate in Pittsburgh after he failed to make required filings. = 9 [Read more »](#)

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NJ Developer Ducks Challenges Over Apartment Buildings

= 9 A New Jersey state appeals court on Tuesday refused to disturb the municipal approvals granted for two apartment complexes in Elizabeth, New Jersey, knocking down challenges that the developer claims were made on behalf of a competitor. Read more »

Beckham Wins Approval For Miami Soccer Stadium Land Deal

Soccer legend David Beckham on Tuesday took a major step toward bringing a Major League Soccer expansion team to Miami, Florida, as county commissioners approved a \$9 million land sale that allows his ownership group to complete a proposed stadium site near the city's downtown. Read more » = 9

EMPLOYMENT

Ill. Public Workers Take Union Fee, Rep Suits To High Court

A pair of Illinois suits appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday aim to weaken the political influence of public employee unions by challenging the constitutionality of "fair share fees" paid to unions and "exclusive representation" by the unions. Read more » = 9

Fla. Court Affirms Governor's Veto Of Firefighters' Raise

= A A Florida appeals court Tuesday affirmed dismissal of an unfair labor charge against the governor for vetoing a budget appropriation that granted state-employed firefighters a raise, ruling the governor has clear constitutional authority to veto specific appropriations bill provisions, and the Legislature let the veto stand. Read more » = 9

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Senate OKs Kellogg Hansen Partner As CIA General Counsel

The Central Intelligence Agency could soon have a new general counsel after the Senate voted to confirm a Kellogg Hansen Todd Figel & Frederick PLLC partner and Bush administration veteran to the post Tuesday. [Read more »](#)

PRODUCT LIABILITY

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Judge Allows Flint Residents' Constitutional Suit To Proceed

Flint residents on Monday saw a Michigan federal court keep alive a lawsuit lodging constitutional claims against the city, its former emergency managers and some state officials for parts played in Flint's water contamination crisis. [Read more »](#)

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US, Mexico Reach Revised Sugar Trade Agreement

Officials from the U.S. and Mexico announced Tuesday that they have reached an agreement in principle to revise a deal regarding the suspension of anti-dumping and countervailing duties on Mexican sugar, a move that comes after U.S. companies raised red flags over alleged flaws in the initial agreement. [Read more »](#)

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China Cybersecurity Law Raises Trade Concerns: Tech Group

The Computer & Communications Industry Association told the president's National Economic Council on Monday that China's new cybersecurity law could harm trade and might violate the country's international commitments, saying the administration must urge China to

change course on the "damaging" policies.
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Gaming Group Hits Chicago With Another 'Netflix Tax' Suit

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A video gaming industry association joined Netflix customers in challenging Chicago's so-called Netflix tax by filing a lawsuit of its own Monday that claims an interpretation of the city's amusement tax illegally discriminates against online games. Read more »

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'Giuliani Memo' Moot In Travel Ban Case, Trump Admin Says

The federal government has countered allegations that it is obstructing the release of a memo drafted by former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani that supposedly outlines President Donald Trump's controversial travel ban, saying Monday that it's inappropriate to probe beyond Trump's stated national security purpose for the now-blocked measure. Read more »

Labor Sec. Signals Scrutiny Of Visa Program Abuse

The head of the U.S. Department of Labor signaled Tuesday that the agency will be taking a tough stance on visa abuse and hinted at an increased utilization of criminal referrals, while the department noted that updates may be on the horizon for an application used for H-1B visas. Read more »

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Amazon, Mozilla Plan Net Neutrality E-Protest

A range of online companies and advocacy groups are planning a July 12 online protest to "save net neutrality" as the Federal Communications Commission weighs nixing the Obama-era Open Internet Order, with Amazon.com Inc., Mozilla Corp. and Etsy Inc. among the participants. [Read more »](#)

= 9 FCC Warned Paperwork Change May Raise Pole Rates

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A Federal Communications Commission vote to nix a regulatory reporting requirement for carriers deemed unnecessary will likely lead to increased rates for pole attachments, an internet and television trade group warned Monday, undermining the agency's policy goals for broadband. [Read more »](#)

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Texas Gov. Announces July Special Legislative Session

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott announced Tuesday that the state's Legislature will meet for a special session, beginning on July 18, to consider issues ranging from limits on local and state government spending caps to health care and social issues. = 9 [Read more »](#)

WHITE COLLAR

Philly DA Can't Shake Charges Of Misusing PAC Money, Autos

A Pennsylvania federal judge declined to dismiss charges accusing Philadelphia District Attorney Seth Williams of misusing both money from his political action committee and publicly

owned vehicles in a pair of orders issued Monday and Tuesday. [Read more »](#)

PEOPLE

Venable Hires Ex-DOJ Legislative Affairs Officials In DC

Two former officials in the U.S. Department of Justice in charge of handling congressional affairs joined Venable LLP this week, adding to the firm's capacity to represent clients in a range of government investigations. [Read more »](#)

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Ex-US Sen. David Vitter Joins Butler Snow In La.

Butler Snow PLLC said Tuesday that former U.S. Sen. David Vitter has joined the firm's business department in Louisiana, where he will help grow and shape the firm's presence in the state. [Read more »](#)

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When Russia Investigations Collide

As a former acting general counsel for the U.S. House of Representatives, I have been getting a lot of questions about what might be in store with the concurrent investigations into Russia's possible influence on the 2016 election. To grasp the potential for conflict, it's helpful to understand the key players and their respective powers, says William Pittard of KaiserDillon PLLC. [Read more »](#)

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Opinion

Big Business Lobby Tries To Hobble Litigation Finance, Again

In its most recent petition advocating mandatory disclosure of litigation finance, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce simply rehashes the same arguments from its previous failed efforts to convince the Committee on Rules of Practice

and Procedure of the dire implications of undisclosed funding relationships, say members of litigation funder IMF Bentham Ltd. [Read more »](#)

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3 Tips For Finding The Right Fee Arrangement

Finding a value-based fee arrangement that works for both law firm and client can be tricky, but the process can be simplified by balancing the complexity of the work with client expectations, according to a Monday presentation at the ACC Legal Operations conference in Chicago. [Read more »](#)

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Chadbourn Still Stalling On Discovery, Female Lawyers Say

Chadbourn & Parke LLP is stonewalling on discovery in a \$100 million proposed gender bias class action until the firm's bid to toss the case plays out, the female attorneys behind the suit told a New York federal court Monday. [Read more »](#)

Davis Polk Partner In Calif. Hit By Train, Killed

Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP partner and head of its India practice Kirtee Kapoor died on Monday after reportedly being struck by a train in a Northern California town near Menlo Park. [Read more »](#)

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Legal Tech Download: Magic Circle AI And Hogan Lovells' App

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Latham 'Hoodwinked' IP Suit Judge, Calif. High Court Told

Two ex-Flir Systems executives urged the California Supreme Court Tuesday to revive their malicious prosecution claims against Latham & Watkins LLP for bringing a trade secrets suit in bad faith, arguing Latham's initial success "hoodwinking" a lower court judge can't now preclude suing the firm. [Read more »](#)

Fla. Bar Urges 3-Judge Panels For County Court Appeals

The Florida Bar urged the state Supreme Court on Tuesday to adopt rules requiring that appeals from county courts be heard by three-judge panels, a change some justices said could strain resources in small counties. [Read more »](#)

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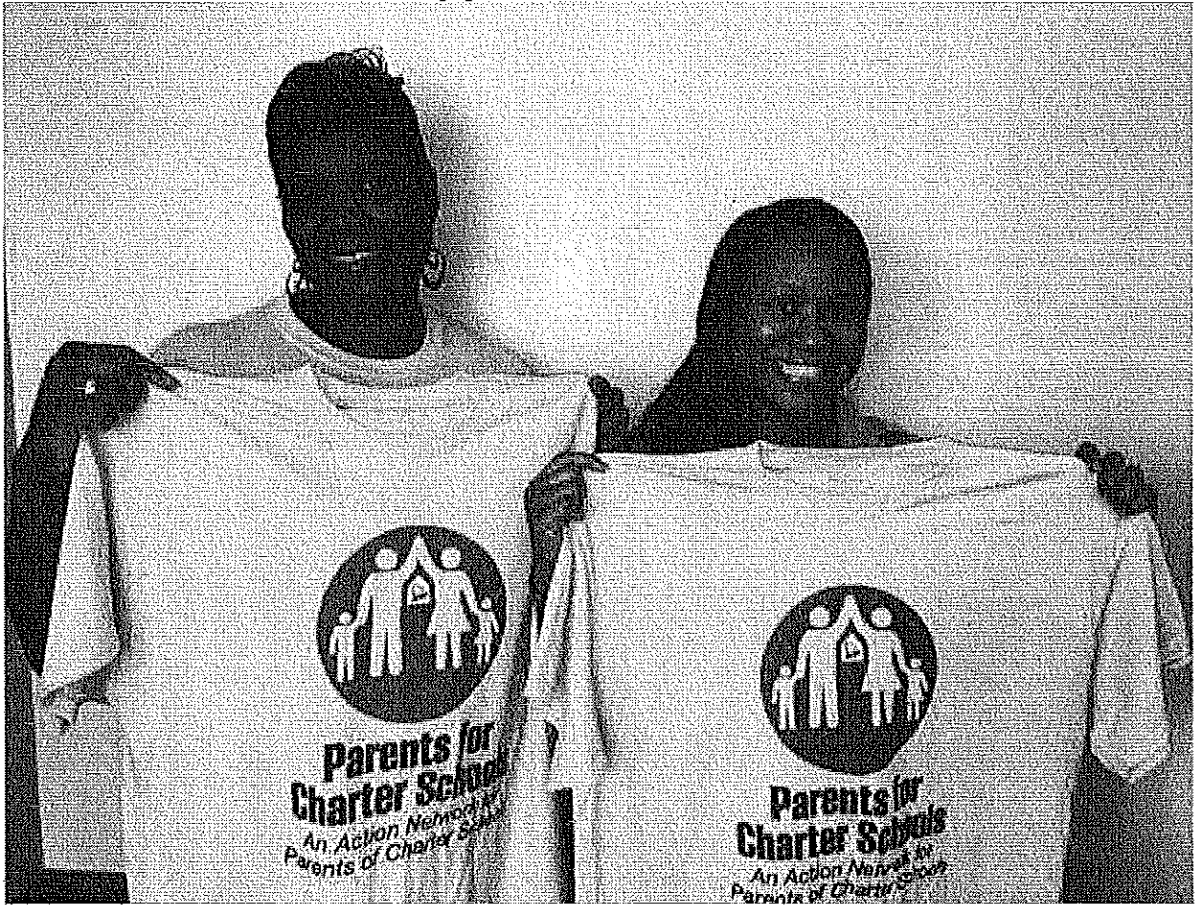


Constellation Schools - parents 'sign up' for Parents for Charter Schools

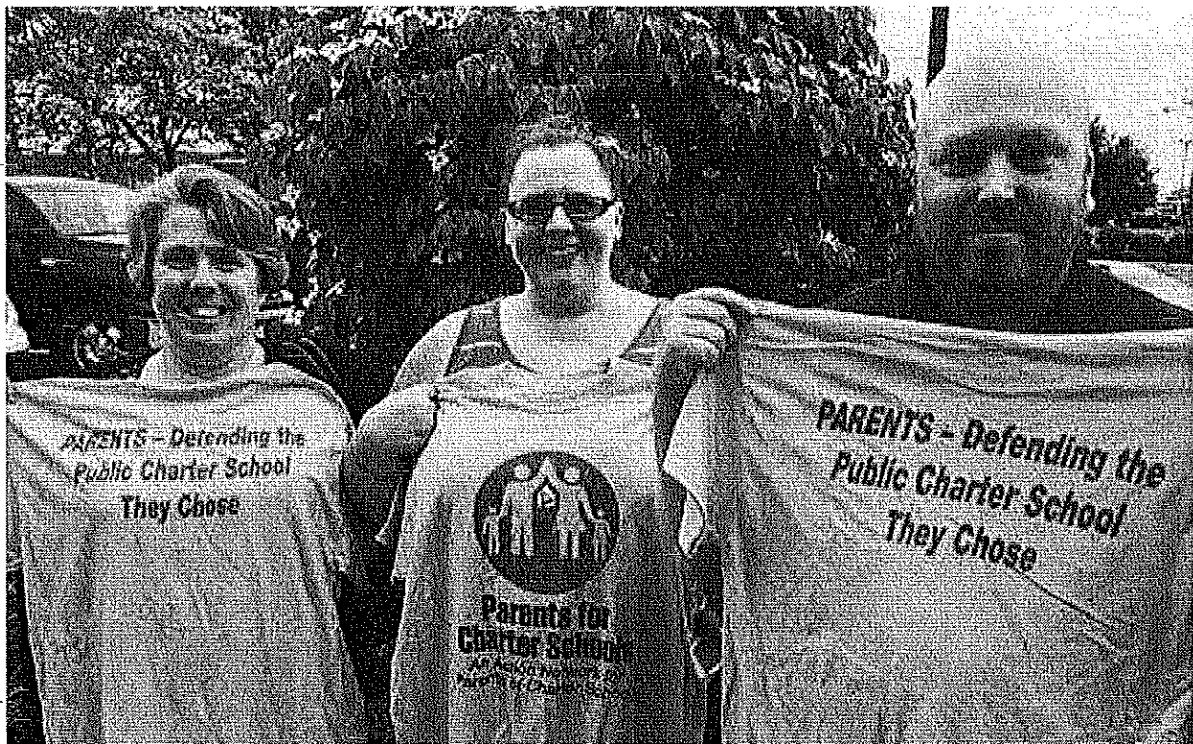
Constellation Schools is a premier management company of 21 outstanding public charter schools, all located within the greater Cleveland area. More parents want to defend their child's education and protect the public charter school that they chose. That's why they are signing up for - Parents for Charter Schools.

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Lorain Community parents - Ms. Turner and Ms. Brown



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Each parent told their story about why they chose their Constellation School and why they feel passionate about their charter school. And they all gave the same reasons:

- * They love the small class sizes
- * The principal knows the names of every student
- * Their charter school offers a safe environment for their child
- * They love that parents are welcome in their charter school
- * They truly appreciate the character development that their charter school offers
- * Their child is excelling and are so happy at their charter school



Rebecca L. Keeney, Executive Director of Constellation Schools said, "All of us are so pleased that our parents are engaging with this new parent organization. We know that parents are the core of our charter schools and their voice can be a powerful force for their child's education."

Parents for Charter Schools Welcomes Constellation Schools Parents!

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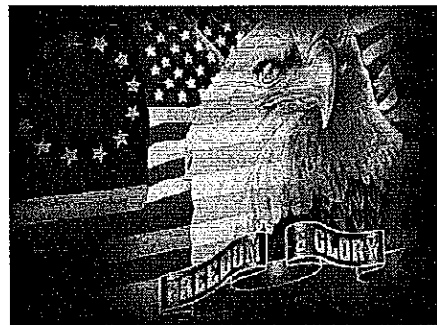
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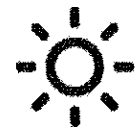
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Parking problems plague downtown

For a couple of months now questions have popped up in the Jackson City Council meetings regarding parking issues in downtown Jackson. [Read more](#)



Paving the way

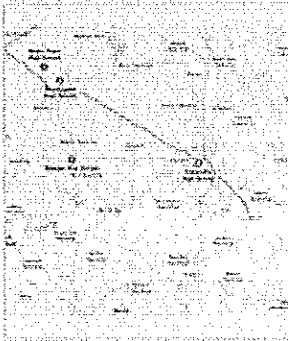
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'Bless Their Soles': Flip-flop drive ongoing

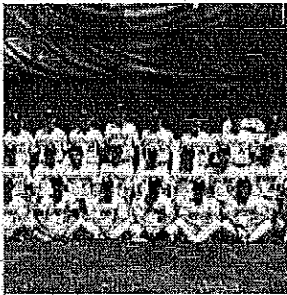
Children around Jackson County are now out of school and on summer break. Many of them are visiting the local pool, going on family ... [Read more](#)

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Facing the FAC

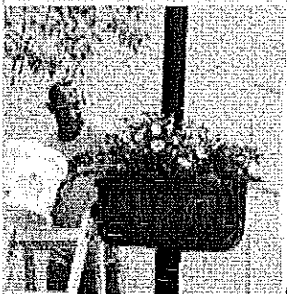
Long drives will not be limited to the gridiron for Jackson High School athletics programs when play resumes this fall. [Read more](#)



The Snakes are back

Connor Callery spent most of his spring manning the hot corner — third base — for the Ohio University baseball team. [Read more](#)

Community



Kiwanis Club adds flower baskets to downtown Jackson

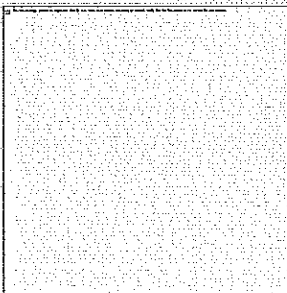
One of Kiwanis Club's major projects is beautifying the downtown area in Jackson with the planting of flower baskets. [Read more](#)

Alisha Chesser graduates from the University of Findlay

FINDLAY— Alisha Chesser, of Jackson, has graduated from the University of Findlay. [Read more](#)

Honor List - Wellston Intermediate School

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Jackson-Vinton Farm Bureau members play golf

Senior Organization Director Kim Harless and members of Ohio Farm Bureau and J-V Farm Bureau played in Senator Bob Peterson Golf Out... [Read more](#)

Patriotic Concert at ARTS/West by ACCS

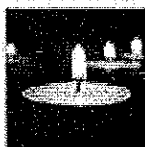
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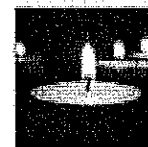
Forests across America are a prized natural resource, and anyone can help plant trees in these vital areas by joining the Arbor Day ... [Read more](#)

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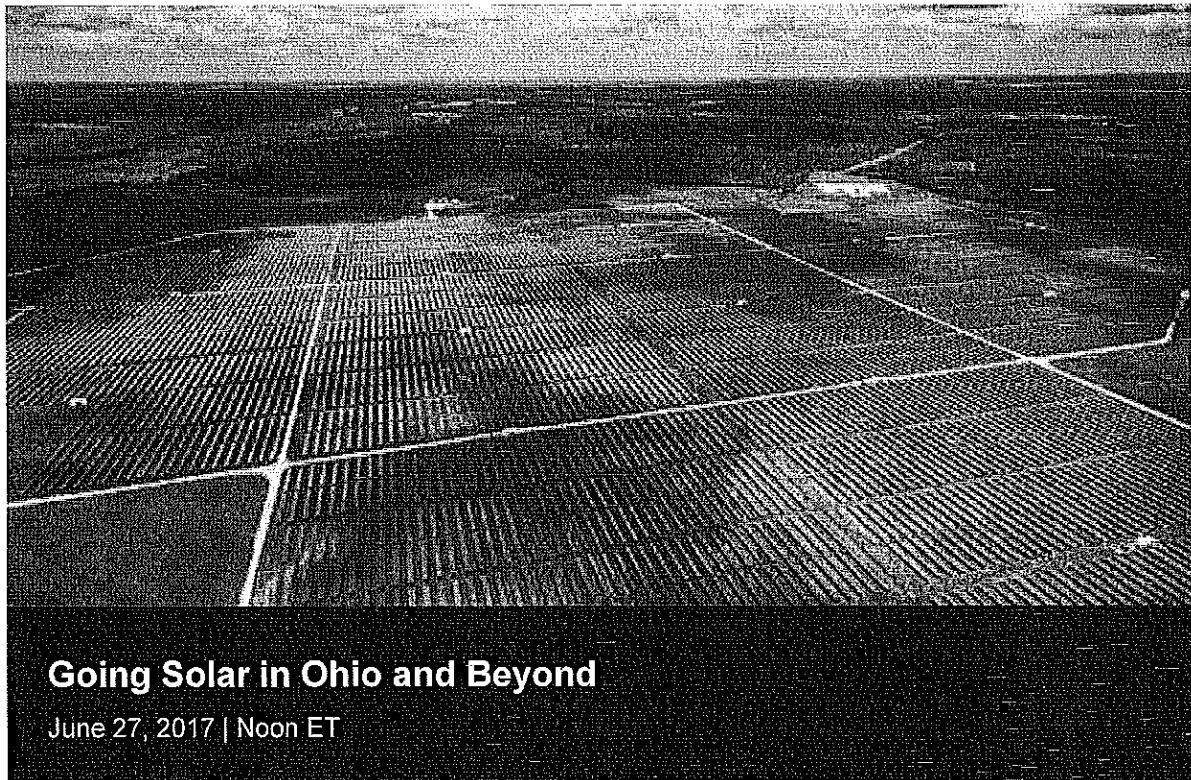
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This is an opportunity to hear about a unique solar electricity project that is a breakthrough for local governments, landfills, and sustainability.

Topics we will cover:

- The benefits of solar for local government
- How solar can be done in a northern climate
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- Why landfills work for solar
- Cuyahoga County's commitment to sustainability
- Use of the Federal Investment Tax Credit Program
- The role of the EPA

Moderator

Mike Wise, Member, Co-Chair, Energy Practice Group,
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Panelists

Gene Ameduri, President, Enerlogics Networks

Chad Arfons, Member, McDonald Hopkins

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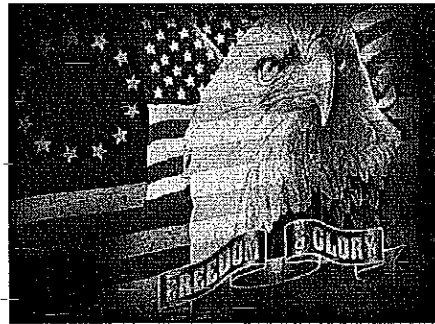
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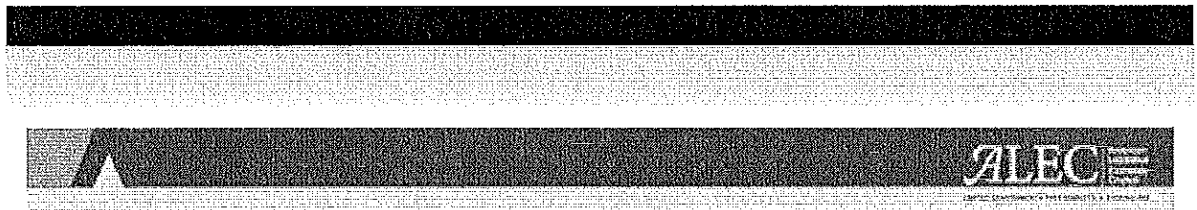
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- Expanding Access to Dental Care in Medicaid Through Market-Based Solutions
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- Legal, financial and practical issues to address when forming teaming arrangements, mentor protégé and joint ventures
- Hard questions to ask your prospective teaming partners
- How small and large businesses can work together legally and ethically
- Government compliance climate regarding small business certifications



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Panelists

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John Renner, Supervisory Business Opportunity Specialist

NASA Glenn Research Center

Eunice Adams-Sipp, Small Business Specialist

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Dear Representative Smith:

Attached is the most recent lawmaker letter from Ohio Consumers for Health Coverage with information on premiums for those on Medicaid and other state experience.

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Medicaid Premiums Likely to Result in Loss of Coverage

Under the Senate Substitute for HB 49 several hundred thousand Medicaid enrollees will be required to pay a monthly fee to maintain their Medicaid benefits, as part of the Personal Responsibility Initiative, if approved by the Secretary of the Federal Health and Human Services Department.

Recent data from the State of Indiana's Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP), which requires monthly payments, suggests that a monthly fee does act as a barrier to eligible individuals from maintaining their Medicaid coverage. Indiana initiated its HIP as a two-tiered system where individuals who paid a premium could secure a more comprehensive benefit package, while others were covered with a basic plan and no premium. The Lewin Group study reflects HIP data for the period February 1, 2015 through December 1, 2016 and was submitted a report on March 31, 2017. <http://bit.ly/2pxdnf8>

According to the Lewin Group's study, 57,189 unique Indiana Medicaid members disenrolled or were not enrolled due to non-payment of their monthly premium, representing 29 percent of individuals who could be disenrolled or not enrolled due to non-payment during the timeframe. What is equally or more troubling is that during the study period there were 590,315 individuals eligible for the Healthy Indiana Medicaid program (HIP) who were ever eligible to make a payment into their "Power" account (PAC). Of that group 55% failed to make the initial premium payment, or missed a premium payment. The rate of non-payment was higher among individuals with incomes at or below 100% of the FPL

Sixty-one percent of those who left Indiana's program after not paying stated that an inability to afford coverage, or the confusion about payment processes, resulted in their non-payment. For those who never initially enrolled in the program due to non-payments, 44% cited affordability or process confusion as a detriment to accessing Medicaid coverage. Clearly, the premium requirement influenced Medicaid enrollees' ability to access care in Indiana. Ohio Consumers for Health Coverage encourages lawmakers to consider the downstream impacts associated with at-risk populations not receiving necessary medical care.

Researchers have also analyzed other state attempts to implement Medicaid premiums. Oregon expanded Medicaid through a Section 1115 Waiver in December 1995 and required premiums from eligible populations. Researchers found that the likelihood of an eligible individual to re-apply for Medicaid after losing coverage fell by around 40% after premium requirements went into effect. Other researchers who analyzed past plans in Minnesota, Hawaii, and Washington found that an increase in out-of-pocket premiums resulted in a decrease in eligible population participation.

In summary, we urge lawmakers to consider the coverage impact associated with Medicaid premium requirements. Past research and current analyses highlight the loss of coverage resulting from Medicaid premium requirements.

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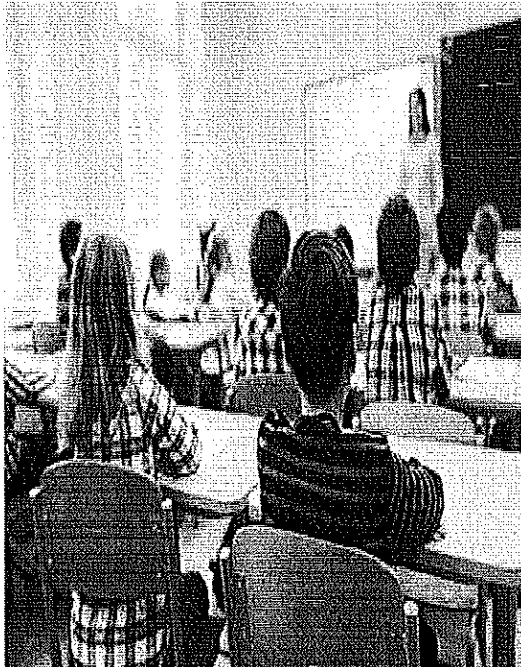
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The Buckeye Institute recently released *Education Savings Accounts: Expanding Education Options for Ohio*, explaining how ESAs will build upon the state's successful voucher and scholarship programs.

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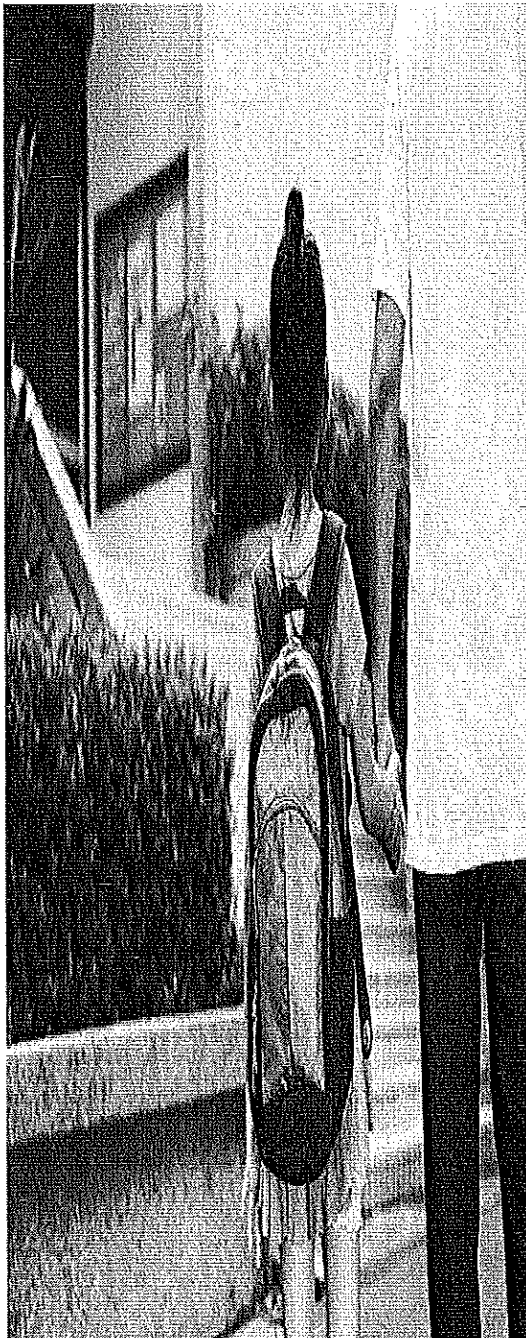
Nevada: \$20 Million Increase for Opportunity Scholarships

Funding for Nevada's Opportunity

Scholarship program has increased by \$20 million. This boost will allow more low-income students the opportunity to attend private schools.



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The Voucher Fight Isn't Clear-Cut

As an education researcher, Robin Lake used to firmly oppose school vouchers. But the process of finding the right educational setting for her own son has changed her opinion.

No Monopoly on Truth

It seems Diane Ravitch didn't like *School Inc.*, the three-part documentary series created by former Cato education analyst Andrew Coulson. But her critiques reveal why it is so crucial that all sides of controversial issues get heard, not just those with whom we agree.



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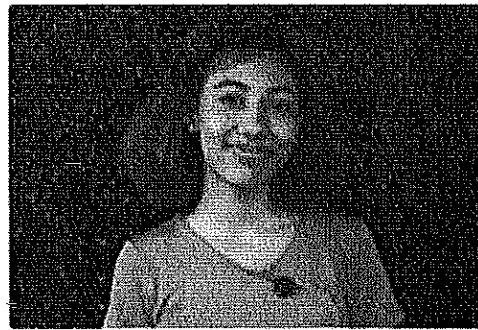
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Keep an eye on upcoming webinars, open nominations and registrations, and the story of a successful partnership.

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PARTNERSHIP ABOUNDS WITH STUDENT ARTISTS AND STATE AGENCIES



On June 2, the Ohio Arts Council brought together students, artists, and arts and civil rights leaders for the opening of the 2017-2018 *Ohio Civil Rights Exhibition*. OAC Executive Director Donna S. Collins writes about the partnership involved to bring 39 art works to the Rhodes State Office Tower.

READ DONNA'S MESSAGE

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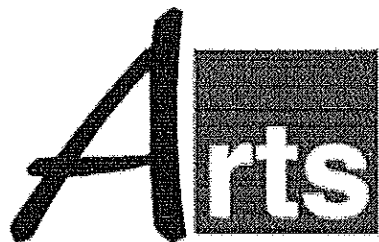
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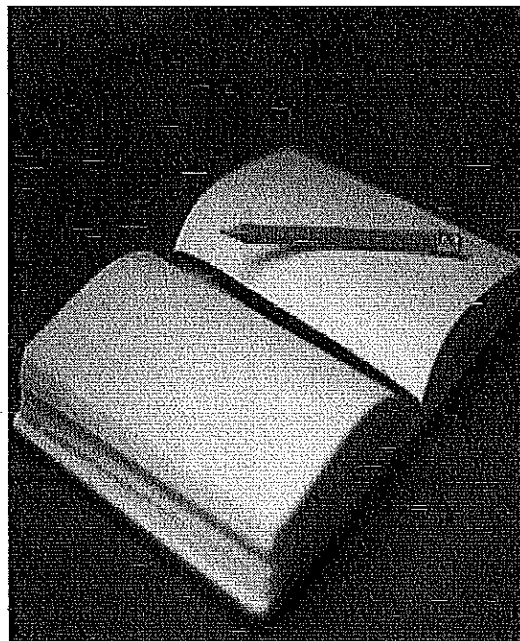
2018 POL SCHOOL
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

School registration is now open for the 2017-2018 Ohio Poetry Out Loud. Participation in POL is completely free and open to all Ohio high schools, including registration, program materials, workshops, and contests. Registration is open through winter.

REGISTER YOUR SCHOOL



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**NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS
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Do you know a great poet? The Ohio Poet Laureate has the opportunity to foster the art of poetry and encourage literacy and learning.

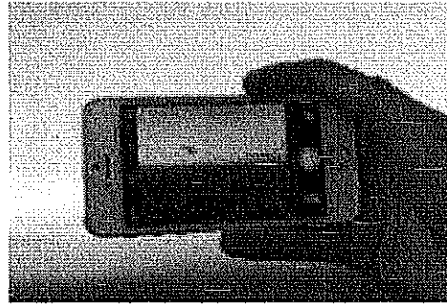
Position guidelines are available online. Nominations are being accepted now through July 5.

NOMINATE TODAY

SHAKESPEARE IN AMERICAN COMMUNITIES OHIO GRANTEES

On May 31, Arts Midwest
announced the 2017-2018
Shakespeare in American
Communities grants. Both Cincinnati
Shakespeare Company and Great
Lakes Theater in Cleveland received
grants that will allow them to present
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students.

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NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS AWARDS MORE THAN \$1.2M TO OHIO RECIPIENTS

The National Endowment for the Arts has announced a total of \$1,275,500 in grants to be awarded to 19 arts-related organizations across Ohio, including \$965,500 going to the Ohio Arts Council to help support arts initiatives across the state. This is the eighth year in a row that the OAC has earned the second-highest partnership agreement grant.

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LEARN MORE ABOUT OHIO'S NEA GRANT RECIPIENTS

HAPPENING AT THE RIFFE GALLERY

CURRENTLY ON VIEW



After Hours

Modeled after the OAC Riffe Gallery's 1989 exhibition showcasing the work of Vern Riffe Center employees, this exhibition features artwork by 43 public servants across Ohio. The exhibition is now on display through July 8. [Read Riffe Gallery fellow Kim Webb's recent interview with After Hours artist Jennifer Whitten.](#)

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COMING SOON



OHIO: The Start of it All

Curated by Dan Chudzinski of the University of Findlay's Mazza Museum, the exhibition consists of 60 original children's book illustrations based on people, places, inventions, and more related to the great state of Ohio. [Read the OAC Riffe Gallery's recent announcement for the OHIO: The Start of it All Exhibition.](#)

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FOR ALL | Deadlines & Dates to Remember

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June 22: Game Changed: DIY Video Editing on a Smartphone Webinar

Happening in the OAC Riffe Gallery

The OAC's Riffe Gallery is pleased to offer FREE tours for groups of up to 40 of OHIO: The Start of it All. Exhibition tours will be available July 31 through

July 5: Ohio Poet Laureate Nomination Deadline
July 19: Summer Board Meeting

October 12. For specific tour days and times,
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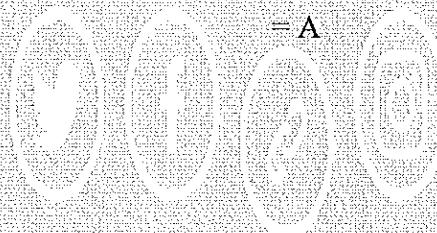
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From: Karen Ferren
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Subject: Increase Arts Funding!

Dear Representative Smith,

Thank you for your support of public funding for the arts. As you consider final changes to the budget in conference committee, I urge you to support arts and culture in Ohio by providing additional funding to the Ohio Arts Council. The arts sector plays a central role in economic development and job creation in our state. In Ohio, the creative industries support nearly 231,000 jobs and contribute almost \$32 billion to the state's economy. The arts attract new businesses and skilled workers, draw tourists and services to support them, create and retain jobs, and produce tax revenue- something our state could use right now. The arts generate approximately \$3.4 billion in tax revenues annually, and this number reinforces what we've always known: The arts mean economic growth for Ohio.

Are you aware that the arts are the fifth largest industry in the United States and generate tax dollars to the federal, state, and local treasuries, in excess of the amounts allocated to the NEA by the federal government or amounts that the state of Ohio sets aside for the arts?

It is also important to know that the arts are invaluable to education, helping to raise test scores for students. The arts are vital to our health, both mental and physical. Music performed before and/or after surgery statistically shortens the length of a hospital stay and patients recuperate faster. When workers are involved in the arts, listening or viewing, business knows that theft in the workplace diminishes. Amazing!

Music and art speak an international language, understood by all, and creating a bond among diverse peoples. While language and heritage may separate us, music and art brings us together.

Please support increased funding for the Ohio Arts Council because an investment in the arts is an investment in the people of Ohio!

Sincerely,

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From: Deb Tully
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 12:44 PM
To: Rep93
Subject: Resident Educator Program

Representative Smith,

My name is Deb Tully. I am the Director of Professional Issues for the Ohio Federation of Teachers. I am writing to respectfully urge you to maintain the Resident Educator Program (RE) and Resident Educator Summative Assessment (RESA).

While I know there are many complaints about the program as being too cumbersome, we have been working with the ODE and Educopia to streamline the program to make it align more fully with the natural teaching process as well as streamline the RESA. This year the changes made to the RESA were due to be unrolled and these changes have not yet been tested though those RE program coordinators, former REs, and other were pleased with the changes made.

It is critical to maintain the RE given that we are constantly discussing how to recruit and retain quality teachers. The research all says that the best way to retain teachers is to support them in their early years of teaching. The RE does just that through the mentoring it provides. The RESA is an assessment like the BAR or Medical Boards or any other professional organization's assessment to assure properly prepared candidates enter the profession.

Addressing the real problem, however is critical. Currently there is a lack of time given to teachers in a school day to fully engage in the program and the lack of resources for providing quality mentors. To deal with all of the issues that have been mentioned OFT advocates for the RE and RESA to be referred to the Educator Standards Board (ESB) for study and recommendations to assure the program and assessment align with OTES and do not duplicate tasks as well as to determine any changes necessary to allow the program and assessment to blend with what teachers must accomplish and learn in their initial years of teaching. This support can only enhance the ability of new teachers to learn their craft and better serve their students. If you have questions or would like to discuss this further, don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Deb Tully

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To: Rep93
Subject: Protect undocumented workers who are hurt on the job

Roseann Duchon
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June 26, 2017

Ryan Smith (R)

Rep. Smith (R):

I am writing to urge you not to amend House Bill 49, currently in conference committee, to include language excluding workers' compensation benefits for undocumented workers.

Denying workers' compensation benefits for any worker makes labor environments less safe and puts everyone at risk. This is especially true for undocumented workers who find employment in some of the most dangerous workplaces. Allowing an injured worker to file a claim protects them and their families if they are hurt on the job and holds their employers accountable for work hazards. But if undocumented workers are denied an opportunity to file injury claims, it gives license to unscrupulous companies to knowingly hire them and keep unsafe working conditions. And speaking of work, these Right to Work laws are nothing but ways for an employer to exploit workers. STOP ALREADY!

Again, I urge you to not amend HB 49 to deny key workplace protections for undocumented immigrants. Stand with our immigrant communities, and let them know you care.

Sincerely,

Roseann Duchon
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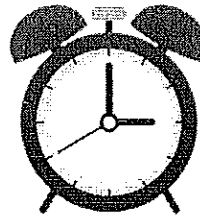
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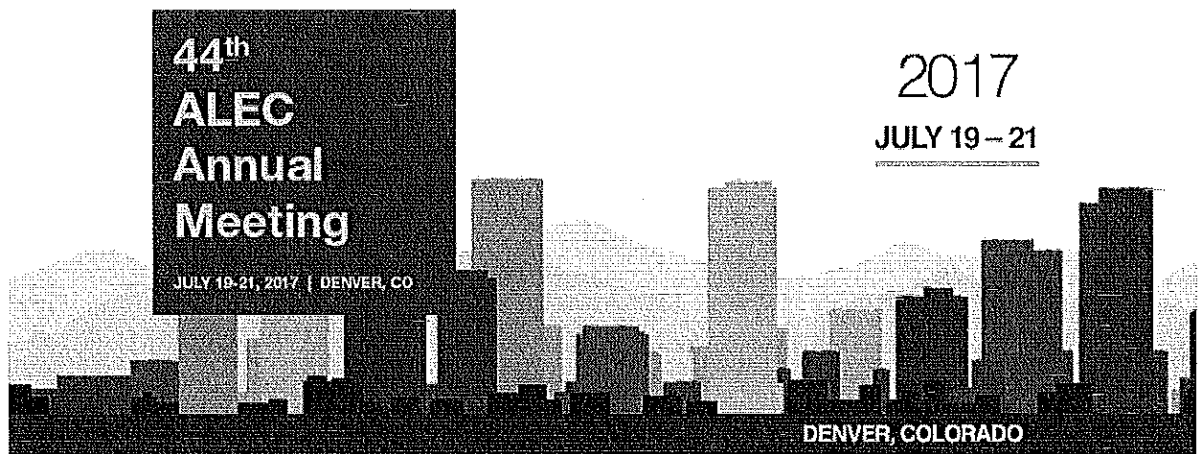
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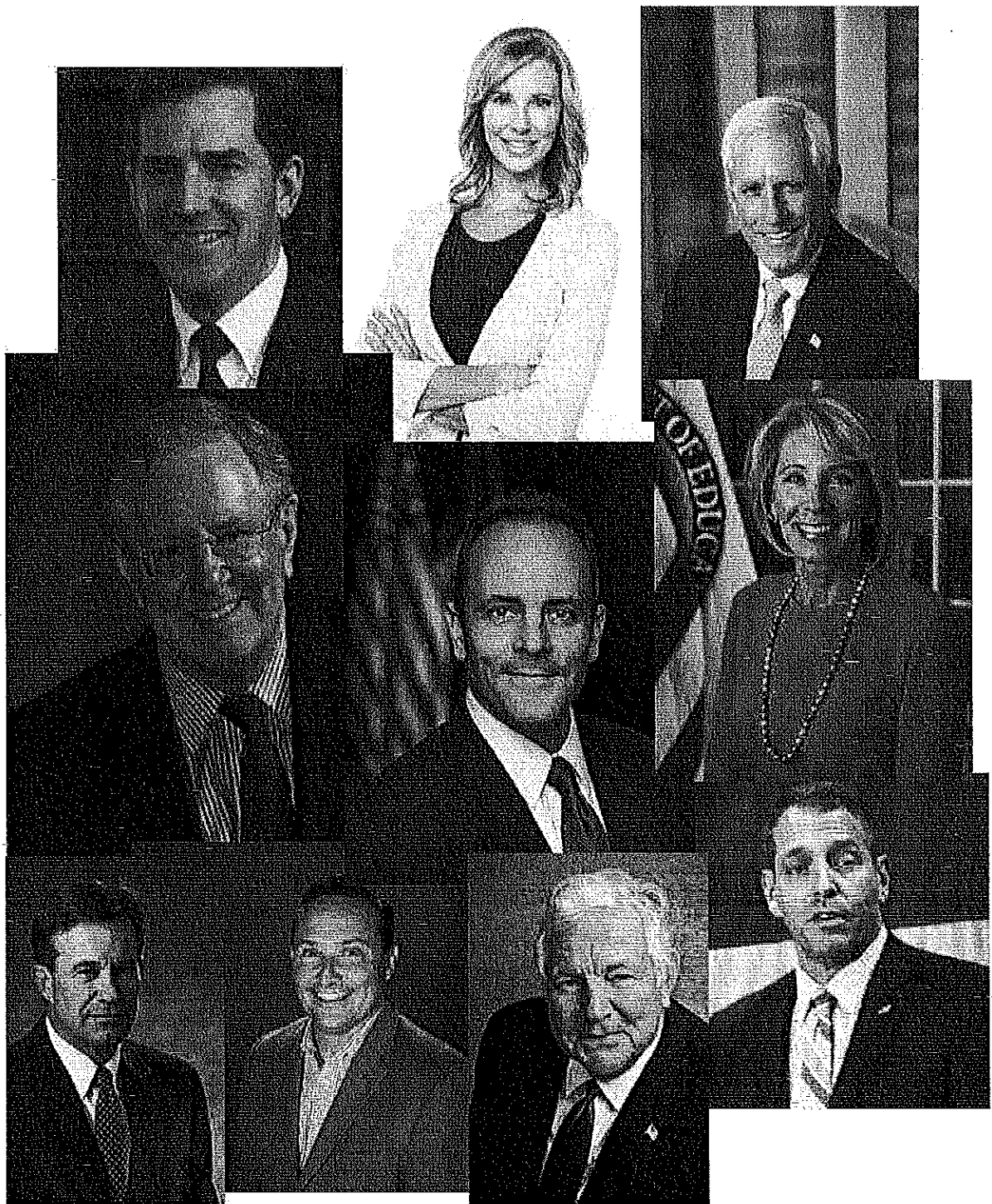
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Still need to register for the ALEC Annual Meeting?
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**Join us to hear from our incredible
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More to be announced soon!

Agenda News!

State Specific Responses to the Opioid / Addiction Crisis Working Group

*A collaboration between the Health and Human Services and
the Criminal Justice Reform Task Forces*

Wednesday July 19, 2017, 10:00 AM – 10:50 AM

Join us as we examine policies relating to and affecting the response to the opioid addiction and overdose epidemic currently plaguing our communities. The Working Group will be led by leaders on the public policies recently implemented in this space, Wisconsin Representative John Nygren and Maryland Senator Michael Hough.

Limiting Taxation and Spending Through the Taxpayer Bill of Rights

(TABOR) Discussion

Thursday July 20, 2017, 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Want to know what's in the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights?

Want to know what is being done to limit state spending, taxes and the budget deficit?

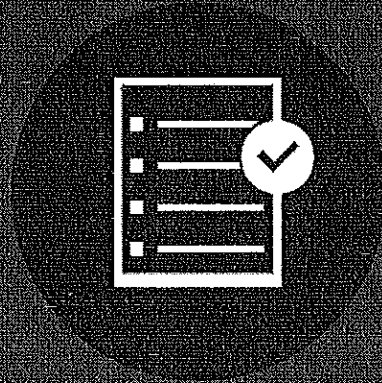
How about talking over the political science of importing TABOR into your state? What adjustments might have to be made to conform to your constitution?

Heard allegations that you want addressed? Have doubts?

Want the latest information on the results of lawsuits and their meanings?

The TABOR Committee will explain how a Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR) can protect taxpayers from runaway government spending and taxation. You are invited to learn about the history, scope, and impact of Colorado's TABOR from one of the storied first proponents of the Colorado initiative, former Colorado State Representative Penn Pfiffner. He and other TABOR leaders will explain and give one-on-one advice to you how your state can benefit from similar proposals along with the requisite strategies to enact the vision.

See more events happening at the Annual Meeting in Denver!



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The Future of School Choice Has Arrived

A 2012 report by EdChoice called education savings accounts (ESA) the “most innovative school choice option on the market today,” and highlighted how ESAs are helping to fulfill Milton Friedman’s vision for school choice in the 21st century. At the time, only Arizona had implemented an ESA program, which was limited to only a few groups of students. Five years since that report was published, Arizona has expanded its program to provide universal eligibility by 2021, and other ESA programs have passed in Florida, Mississippi, Nevada, and Tennessee and have been proposed in dozens of other states as well.

One argument against programs allowing private-school choice is the question of their constitutionality, especially in states that have adopted Blaine amendments. States with these anti-Catholic provisions in their constitutions explicitly restrict public dollars from going to religious schools, thereby restricting the expansion of private-school choice.

All that could soon change, however. This week, in a monumental decision, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 7-2 in favor of Trinity Lutheran Church’s right to apply for publicly available funds, despite the school’s religious affiliation and the state’s Blaine amendment, throwing into question the validity of Blaine amendments throughout the country.

In a press release announcing the Court’s decision, Heartland Senior Fellow Robert G. Holland said, “It might take one more Supreme Court decision to deliver a knockout blow to the bigoted anti-Catholic Blaine amendments of the 19th century, which still persist in two-thirds of state constitutions, and thereby to ensure that parents may use vouchers or ESAs in schools they deem best for their children.”

The ruling opens the door for many more states to implement private-school choice programs with less fear of state or federal courts shutting them down. A new [Heartland Policy Brief](#) by Policy Analyst Tim Benson discusses how universal education savings account programs offer the most comprehensive range of educational choices to parents; describes the five ESA programs currently in operation; and reviews possible state-level constitutional challenges to ESA programs.

Benson concludes, “2ESA programs are not a silver-bullet solution to every problem plaguing the nation’s school system, but they certainly allow families much greater opportunities to meet each child’s unique education needs. The goal of public education today and in the years to come should be to allow all parents to choose which schools their children attend, require every school to compete for every student who walks through its doors, and make sure every child has the opportunity to attend a quality school.”

WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON

Health Care

Research & Commentary: Empowering Dental Therapists Would Help Solve Ohio's Dental Shortage

In this *Research & Commentary*, Senior Policy Analyst Matthew Glans examines a proposal in Ohio that would create a new mid-level care license for dental therapists and allow them to practice under the supervision of a dentist. “Allowing dental therapists in Ohio would help to close gaps in dental-care access and ensure patients receive preventive and restorative treatment when and where they need it,” wrote Glans. [Read more](#)

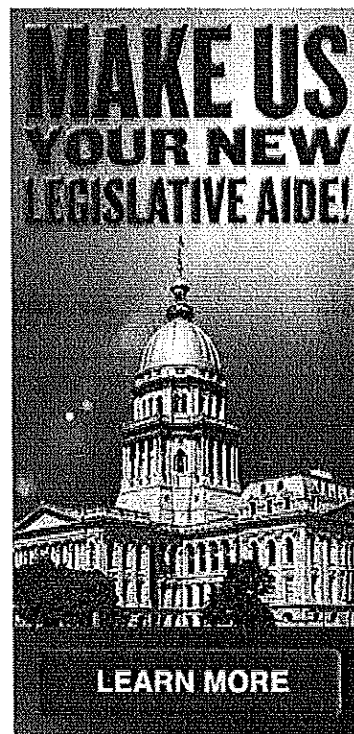
Budget & Tax

Research & Commentary: States Should Move Away from Grocery Taxes

In this *Research & Commentary*, Senior Policy Analyst Matthew Glans examines grocery taxes, the problems they create, and how repeal efforts have been stifled in recent years. “Grocery taxes are unpopular, regressive, and play a key role in denying low-income families the nutritious food they need to stay healthy. Instead of imposing burdensome taxes on families, state legislators should focus on encouraging government efficiency; low, broad-based taxes; and placing reasonable limits on spending,” wrote Glans. [Read more](#)

Energy & Environment

Research & Commentary: Studies Find Fracking in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas Not Contaminating Groundwater



In this *Research & Commentary*, Policy Analyst Tim Benson examines two new studies from the U.S. Geological Survey and the Academy of Medicine, Engineering, and Science of Texas. The studies found no examples of groundwater contamination due to hydraulic fracturing, commonly referred to as “fracking,” in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas. The studies add to the existing peer-reviewed evidence that shows hydraulic-fracturing processes do not pose a systemic impact on groundwater. Since 2010, at least 19 of these studies have been produced. These studies are reinforced by the Environmental Protection Agency’s own \$29-million, six-year study of fracking’s impact on groundwater sources, which failed to find any systemic impact caused by the 110,000 oil and natural gas wells that have been in use across the country since 2011. [Read more](#)

Education

Local Michigan School Board Gets on the Privatization Bus

In this article for *School Reform News*, Emma Vinton reports the Cedar Springs, Michigan School Board reduced annual spending by \$350,000 to \$400,000 per year, in addition to \$610,000 in one-time revenue, by contracting with a private business to provide transportation services. Starting in August, Dean Transportation, a Lansing-based company, will operate the western Michigan school district’s bussing services. The company will hire the district’s 28 bus drivers and will be responsible for maintaining the buses. “The mission of public schools is to educate children, not to run a transportation company, a food company, or a cleaning company,” said Michael LaFaive, director of the Morey Fiscal Policy Initiative at the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, to Vinton. “These ancillary services are best performed by those whose specialty is in those fields. As a bonus, there is often substantial savings for those who do it, and do it correctly.” [Read more](#)

From Our Free-Market Friends

FDA Liberates Your Smartphone

In this article from the Manhattan Institute for Public Policy, Policy Analyst Charles Hughes writes about how smartphone application developers have created many new health and fitness apps in the past few years, yet current regulatory requirements deter developers from further innovation. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has forged an initiative to create a transparent regulatory framework that will reduce the amount of regulation requirements and encourage more health care innovation. The FDA is planning on launching a pilot program “would entail the creation of a third party

POLICY NEWSPAPER




The July 2017 issue of *Environment & Climate News* reports on President Donald Trump announcing the United States will leave the Paris Climate Accord. “Despite the economic cost to the United States, the Paris treaty would have done little to prevent future warming, Trump claimed in his speech.”

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certification program which would allow the agency to be more discerning in determining which types of products have to go through premarket review, the most stringent level. In the new framework, lower risk digital health products would be able to bypass the premarket review, and higher risk products would go through a streamlined process, allowing companies to get their developments to market more quickly." [Read more](#)






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HPIO Forum

Linking health and wealth: How economic vitality can lead to healthier Ohioans

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Dear Ryan,

In order to be healthy, we all need the opportunity to earn a sufficient income and live in affordable, safe housing. As providers, insurers and health departments increasingly are held accountable for improving population health, the need to address poverty and foster economic vitality becomes even more important. Policymakers often cite the need to improve our state's economic climate, however opinions on how to best accomplish this goal vary.

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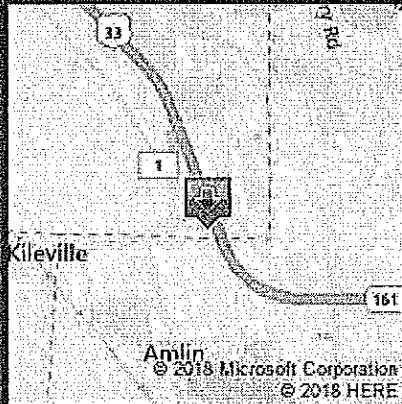
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Speakers include:

- * **Anjum Hajat**, University of Washington School of Public Health
- * **David Norris**, Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity
- * **David Lipsetz**, Housing Assistance Council
- * **Hannah Halbert**, Policy Matters Ohio
- * **Rea Hederman**, The Buckeye Institute
- * And more to be announced!

Lunch will be served (vegetarian options available)

Registration begins at 9:00, with program starting at 9:30.

The forum general attendance fee is \$65.

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Sincerely,

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GC Pick Shows Fed's Limited Desire For Dodd-Frank Changes

The Federal Reserve's Thursday choice of the top lawyer from its bank regulation team to be its new general counsel indicates the central bank intends to maintain the broad architecture of its post-financial crisis rules at least until President Donald Trump puts his own team in place, experts say. [Read more »](#)

Generics Lobby Sues To Block Md. Drug Pricing Law

A new Maryland law authorizing fines against drugmakers that engage in "price gouging" is unconstitutionally vague and far-reaching, according to a complaint filed Thursday by the generic-drug industry's top trade group. [Read more »](#)

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Gov't Ethics Director Resigns, Calls For Stronger Framework

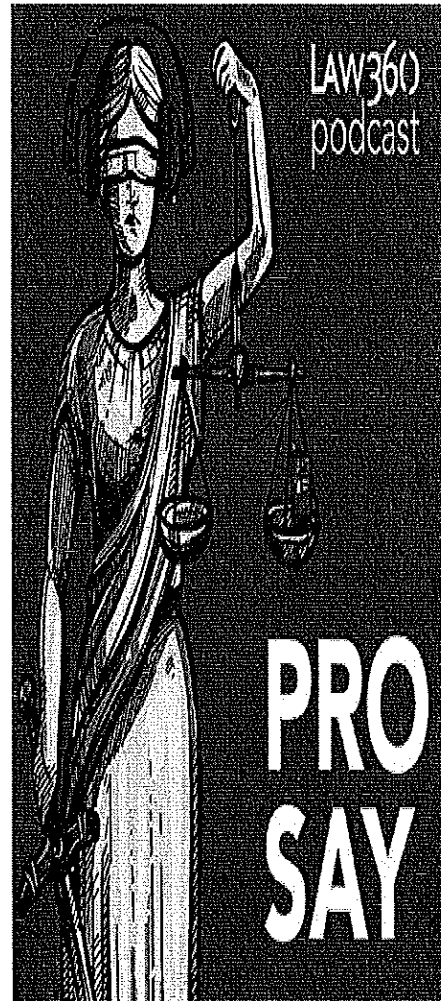
The director of a government ethics office, who repeatedly called on President Donald Trump to divest from his business interests, announced his resignation on Thursday, saying in a statement that the administration has exposed weaknesses in federal ethics guidelines. [Read more »](#)

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Calif. Gov. Announces 2018 Climate Summit In San Francisco

California Gov. Jerry Brown on Thursday announced that a global climate action conference will be held in San Francisco in 2018, continuing his push to position the Golden State as a leader in sustainable practices in the wake of President Donald Trump's withdrawal of the U.S. from the Paris climate agreement. [Read more »](#)

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Gay Rights Group Will Take Title VII Bias Debate To High Court

Gay rights group Lambda Legal said it will ask the U.S. Supreme Court to find that federal law bars employers from discriminating against workers because of their sexuality after the Eleventh Circuit declined Thursday to review precedent putting sexual orientation bias out of Title VII's reach. [Read more](#) = 2

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Trump Admin, Voters Spar In Briefs Over Texas Voter ID Law

The U.S. Department of Justice told a federal judge Wednesday there's no need to take further action regarding Texas' controversial voter ID law, as an amended measure that will go into effect in January solves discriminatory issues the court cited in blocking the original law, while opponents argue the new law is just as bad. [Read more](#) »

BANKING & SECURITIES

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Fed Rules Chief Says Now Is Housing Finance Reform Time

The Federal Reserve's top regulatory official on Thursday called for swift action to reform housing finance, particularly by putting more private investor dollars in between taxpayers and credit risks while the economy is strong and before memories of the financial crisis fade. [Read more](#) »

Feds Release Overviews Of Big Banks' 'Living Wills'

Federal regulators on Wednesday released the public portions of road maps for taking apart the eight largest U.S. banks should they fail, and gave two firms designated as systemically important an additional year to file their "living wills." [Read more](#) »

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Ireland Gov't Raises \$3.9B From Allied Irish Banks IPO

The Irish government on Thursday said it has raised €3.4 billion (\$3.9 billion) total from its initial public offering of Allied Irish Banks PLC after it exercised an overallotment option, increasing what is already this year's largest European IPO. Read more »

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15 AGs Urge Court To Uphold Congressional Review Act

The Republican attorneys general of 15 states piled onto a suit that challenges the constitutionality of a regulation rollback law, the Congressional Review Act, on Wednesday, telling an Alaskan federal court the law is perfectly constitutional and urging it to toss the suit and "preserve this important procedural tool." Read more = 2

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DOI Looks To Speed Up Oil And Gas Permitting On Fed. Lands

U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke on Thursday signed a secretarial order aimed at speeding up the process for oil and gas permitting on federal lands, saying it was important for the country's energy strategy to reduce the application backlog and to streamline the mineral development process. = 9 Read more »

Nonprofit Hits Ocean Agency With Suit Over Google Chats

A nonprofit watchdog that advocates limited government filed suit in D.C. federal court Thursday seeking information about how the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration logs its Google Chat conversations, saying the agency's delay in processing the group's prior requests for the

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EPA Keeps Biofuel Requirements Steady For 2018

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Wednesday maintained the amount of renewable fuels that must be blended into the U.S. transportation fuel supply in 2018, but also hinted at major future changes to the agency's renewable fuels program by saying it would explore a "reset" of required biofuel levels. Read more »

Pa. Drilling Fund Use Unconstitutional, Enviro Group Says

Following a landmark ruling last month bolstering constitutionally enshrined environmental protections, a Pennsylvania court was urged on Thursday to nix portions of the just-passed state budget using money from the leasing of public land for drilling to fund operating costs of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Read more »

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= 9 Fishermen Ask High Court To Uphold 9th Circ. Fishery Ruling

Two commercial fishing groups that forced the federal government to oversee a salmon fishery in Alaska after an appeals court win last year have come out strongly against the state's recent bid to take the suit to the Supreme Court. Read more »

EMPLOYMENT

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Washington Gov. Signs Paid Family Leave Plan Into Law

Washington state Democratic Gov. Jay Inslee on Wednesday announced that he signed a piece of legislation that will make the state one of a small group that offers a paid family leave

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program, after the plan was passed through the state Legislature last week. Read more »

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AARP Says EEOC Never Explained Wellness Rule Penalties

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission cannot simply pluck numbers from the air when allowing for higher premiums for workers who don't participate in wellness programs, AARP Inc. told a D.C. federal judge in oral arguments Thursday. = 9 Read more »

Thrivent Seeks Win After DOL Abandons Class Action Rule

A financial services group that has sued to block part of the U.S. Department of Labor's fiduciary rule asked a Minnesota federal judge on Wednesday to give it a quick win after the regulator said in a related case that it would no longer defend the rule's ban on class action waivers. Read more »

GSA Settles Tech Program Whistleblower's Retaliation Claim = 9

The Office of the Special Council said Thursday it has reached a settlement with the General Services Administration on behalf of a whistleblower who was subjected to retribution from the former head of the agency for shedding light on mismanagement of a GSA-run technology program. Read more »

10th Circ. Backs Quick Win To Kelly Services In ADA Suit

A Tenth Circuit panel on Thursday backed a quick win given to staffing agency Kelly Services and GE Controls Solutions in a suit from a temporary employee who was terminated after missing a significant amount of work while being tested for breast cancer. Read more » = 9

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FTC Warns NC Appraisal Fee Bill Could Break Antitrust Law

Legislation under consideration by North Carolina state lawmakers could breach federal antitrust law by stifling competition for the setting of real estate appraisal fees, which could result in higher prices for consumers, the Federal Trade Commission said Thursday. [Read more »](#)

PRIVACY & CONSUMER PROTECTION

FTC To Shield Its Workers From Damages In Personal Suits

The Federal Trade Commission on Wednesday took a step to protect its employees from individual lawsuits, adopting a policy to indemnify them against damages for work they do — even as several of the agency's employees face suit tied to a data security investigation of a medical testing firm. [Read more »](#)

TAX

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4 Top Tax Policy Developments In 2017: Midyear Report

In the year so far, 76 countries agreed to adopt a landmark multilateral treaty to deter tax avoidance by multinational corporations, and the IRS made headway toward changing its audit system for partnerships and large businesses. Here's a look back at major tax policy developments in the first half of 2017. [Read more »](#)

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Big 4 Accounting Firms Need EU Oversight, Study Says

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A new report co-authored by an influential tax-compliance expert reproves the world's four largest accounting firms as having opaque structures meant to protect clients from regulatory inquiries and recommends that the European Union impose stronger licensing conditions on them. [Read more »](#)

Veto Override Gives Illinois 1st State Budget In 2 Years

After a record-breaking 736-day budget impasse, Illinois has a spending plan once more after a razor-thin vote in the state House on Thursday to override Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner's veto of a budget package and tax hike. [Read more ½ B](#)

IMMIGRATION

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District Court Won't Clarify Scope Of Trump Travel Ban

A Hawaii federal court Thursday said it won't weigh in on what counts as "close family" exempted under the portion of President Donald Trump's travel ban that the U.S. Supreme Court allowed to take effect. [Read more »](#)

Fresh H-2B Rule Sent To OMB For Review

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The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has sent a rule to the Office of Management and Budget regarding the H-2B temporary worker program, not long after it was confirmed that the DHS will issue a limited number of additional visas for temporary workers to aid seasonal businesses. [Read more »](#)

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DOJ To Review Compliance Claims Of Sanctuary Cities, States = 9

The U.S. Department of Justice announced Thursday that it is reviewing letters from 10 so-called sanctuary jurisdictions, which it previously selected for enforcement scrutiny, that say they are complying with laws governing immigration information shared with federal officials. [Read more »](#)

Kobach Loses Bid To Shed Sanctions In Voter Records Suit

A magistrate judge on Wednesday denied a request from Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach to reconsider a sanctions order for "deceptive conduct" in a discovery dispute over documents related to immigration and voter reform, with Kobach objecting to the ruling the same day. [Read more »](#)

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Sen. Urges Mattis To Honor Citizenship For Service Contracts

Sen. Mark Warner, D-Va., on Thursday urged Defense Secretary Jim Mattis to reject proposed changes to a military recruitment program that could result in the deportation of some 1,000 foreign-born recruits. [Read more »](#)

HEALTH

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Fla. High Court Upholds County Hospital Reimbursement Law = 9

The Florida Supreme Court on Thursday upheld a special act requiring Sarasota County to reimburse both private and public medical centers for care given to impoverished patients, ruling that it does not grant a privilege to private institutions because it applies equally to all hospitals in the county. [Read more »](#)

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Lawsuit Challenges Fla. Medical Marijuana Smoking Ban

Leading advocates for medical marijuana legalization in Florida followed through Thursday on their promise to challenge a ban against smoking the drug that the state included in a recently enacted law, saying the ban contradicts a constitutional amendment voters approved in November to broaden access. [Read more »](#)

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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Broadcasters Lobby FCC For End Of Main Studio Rule

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Broadcasters including NPR have offered glowing support for the Federal Communications Commission's proposal to eliminate the "main studio" rule, saying that removing it would modernize regulations and reduce administrative overhead, although at least one media trade group has offered words of caution. [Read more = 2](#)

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

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Fla. Considers Backing Out Of Business With Venezuela

Florida Gov. Rick Scott announced Wednesday that he plans to present a proposal to bar the state of Florida from doing business with any organization that supports the regime of Nicolas Maduro in Venezuela, a move that could run afoul of federal law. [Read more »](#)

EU-Japan Trade Deal Punts On Investor Arbitration, Data

= A European Union and Japanese officials announced Thursday that they have reached an "agreement in principle" for a sweeping new trade deal, but kicked the can down the road in

several sensitive areas, including investment arbitration and rules governing cross-border data flows. [Read more »](#)

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What To Know About High Court's Travel Ban Ruling

Last week, the U.S. Supreme Court partially lifted the preliminary injunctions that blocked President Donald Trump's "travel ban" executive order. However, continuing litigation and subsequent revisions and implementation have significantly narrowed the effect of the order particularly with respect to business travelers, say Maria Fernanda Gandarez and Matthew Kolodziej of Ogletree Deakins Nash Smoak & Stewart PC. [Read more »](#)

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= 9 Comp Time Questions Under Working Families Flexibility Act

The Working Families Flexibility Act, which allows private sector companies to offer eligible employees paid time off (comp time) in lieu of traditional wages, is currently awaiting passage by the U.S. Senate. While it may be a topic of dispute, there is no denying the bill has raised questions from both proponents and opponents alike, say Annette Idalski and Mary Claire Smith of Chamberlain Hrdlicka White Williams & Aughtry. [Read more »](#)

Policymakers Accelerate On Driverless-Car Cybersecurity

A uniform national framework for the cybersecurity issues implicated by autonomous vehicles is needed to supplant the numerous state laws and regulations that have sprung up in the absence of federal legislation. Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao and Congress have an opportunity to provide just that, says Nancy Libin, a partner at Jenner & Block LLP

and former chief privacy officer of the U.S. Department of Justice. [Read more »](#)

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Considerations For Entry Into The Marijuana Industry

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The current juxtaposition between federal and state marijuana laws impacts how lawyers, courts and legislators address issues in this fascinating new industry. Cátia Kossovsky of Tucker Arensberg PC explains how attorneys can help marijuana-related businesses navigate through all of the various requirements. = 9 [Read more »](#) = A

LEGAL INDUSTRY

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What The Recent Mergers In Legal Tech Mean For BigLaw

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The fast pace of legal technology mergers so far in 2017 could drive the availability of more effective technology for BigLaw firms to serve their clients, especially as some of the industry's largest tech providers snap up cutting edge artificial intelligence startups. [Read more 1/2 B](#)

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Law360's Weekly Verdict: Legal Lions & Lambs

Cooley nabbed the top spot on our list of legal lions this week for tossing a \$15 billion multidistrict litigation that accused Facebook of user tracking, while Shook Hardy & Bacon LLP, Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP and Jones Day found themselves among the legal lambs when a Florida state appeals court reversed a jury's verdict that had favored two tobacco companies over an ex-smoker battling terminal illness. [Read more »](#)

Clifford Chance Under Scrutiny For Excalibur Finance Debacle

U.K. firm Clifford Chance LLP is the target of a legal regulator investigation focused on its involvement with litigation funders who backed an oil exploration-firm's disastrous \$1.6 billion suit against U.S. energy companies, a person familiar with the matter confirmed Thursday. Read more ½ B

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White Attorney Loses Fight Over Makeup Of Texas Bar Board

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The Texas Legislature's decision to revoke a statute requiring the State Bar of Texas to include four minority members on its board and replace it with rules for hiring at-large directors has mooted a complaint brought by a white lawyer claiming discrimination, a federal judge ruled Wednesday. Read more »

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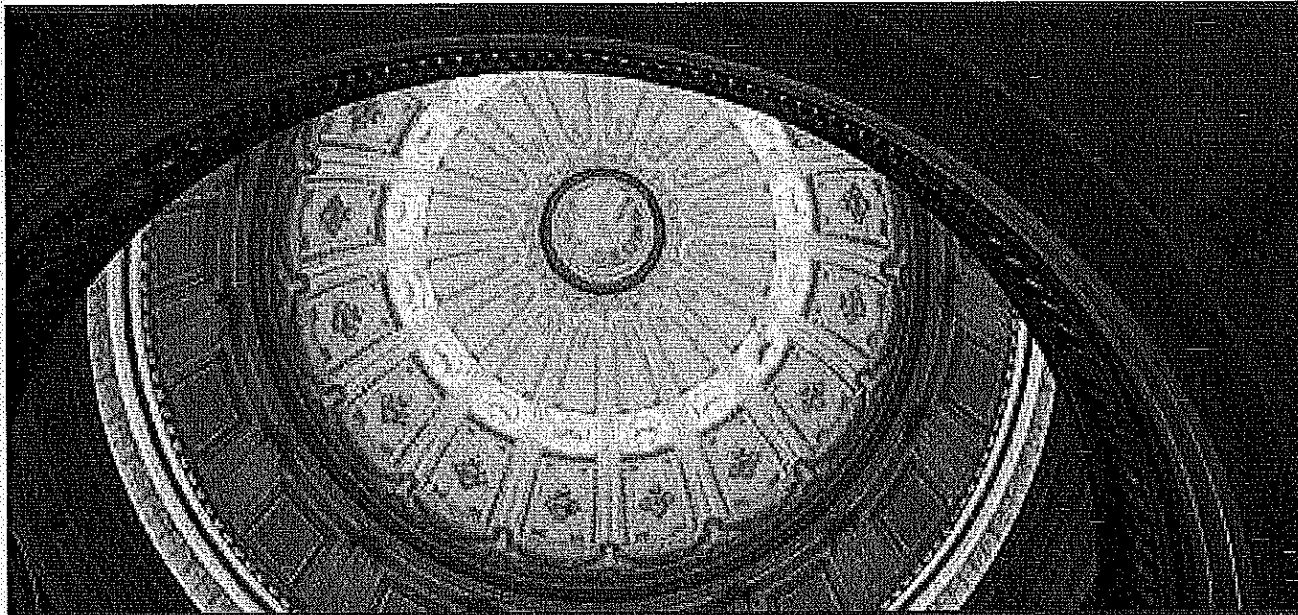
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The Ohio Commission on Minority Health's fiscal
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expansion and replication grant, round 5, re-
release funding opportunity
is now open.

The Ohio Commission on Minority Health
announces round five of availability of funds for
fiscal years 2018/2019 to newly certified
HUB expansion grants. This is a competitive-bid
process. This funding will allow for the expansion
of newly certified pathways
community HUBs to address infant mortality.

Please click [HERE](#) to access the RFP.

**Check the Commission's website on August 7th For
the Second round of the 2018 Minority Health Month
RFP!!**

*Cancer and Related
News "See attachment"*

HANNAH NEWS UPDATE: House Overrides 11 Budget Vetoes But Leaves
Medicaid Expansion Question Pending

This morning, the House of Representatives overrode 11 of the governor's 47 budget vetoes, seven of which addressed various aspects of the Medicaid program. However, the veto of the freeze on Medicaid expansion has been left pending. See Thursday's *Hannah Report* for more details.

Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Public Comment Survey

The Federal Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Program is the nation's oldest federal-state partnership aimed at promoting and improving the health, safety, and wellbeing of MCH populations. The MCH Block Grant provides a foundation for funding services to ensure the health of Ohio's mothers, women, children and youth, including children and youth with special health care needs, and their families.

The Ohio Department of Health, Office of Health Improvement and Wellness (OHIW), Bureau of Maternal, Child and Family Health, is charged with administering the Title V MCH Block Grant Program in Ohio. Part of that charge involves soliciting feedback annually regarding the strategies, objectives, activities and performance measures used to address the most critical needs for MCH populations across Ohio. We are currently in the second year of a 5-year cycle. The strategies submitted in this year's Block Grant application are the basis for our work

over the 5-year period. We invite and encourage you to take the survey and share your comments with us.

Click here <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BlockGrantSurvey> to access the survey. This survey is open for a 30 day public comment period.

Please share this information with your staff and stakeholders (local organizations, advisory groups, sub grantees, consumer groups, etc.) across the state. We ask that you let us know who you have forwarded this announcement to so we can track our outreach.

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This forum explores state policy options to improve health outcomes and health equity by increasing economic development, labor force participation and income mobility.

Speakers include:

- * **Anjum Hajar**, University of Washington School of Public Health
- * **David Norris**, Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity
- * **David Lipsetz**, Housing Assistance Council
- * **Hannah Halbert**, Policy Matters Ohio
- * **Rea Hederman**, The Buckeye Institute
- * And more to be announced!

Lunch will be served (vegetarian options available) Registration begins at 9:00 with program starting at 9:30. A general attendance fee is \$65

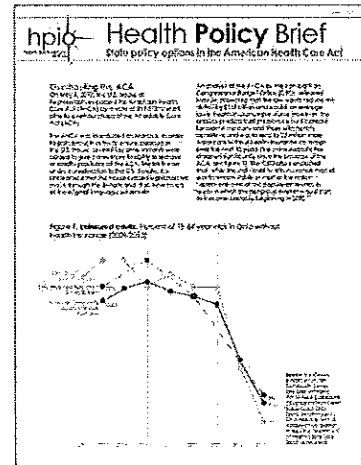
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HPIO brief explores American Health Care Act decisions for states

The Health Policy Institute of Ohio has released its latest policy brief, "**State policy options in the American Health Care Act.**"

Last month, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the American Health Care Act, a bill aimed at overhauling much of the Affordable Care Act. Although the AHCA is sometimes referred to as a bill to "repeal and replace" the ACA, it leaves many of the decisions to alter the 2010 health reform law in the hands of states.



Given the considerable flexibility in the AHCA for states, Ohio policymakers will have additional policy options available to them if the current bill is signed into law. The new HPIO publication highlights some of the areas in which Ohio policymakers will encounter new decision points.

In addition, the publication estimates changes to 2017 individual marketplace premiums had ACHA provisions been in place during the most-recent open enrollment period. **County profiles** with estimated premiums for various ages and incomes, as well as county-level marketplace enrollment data, are posted for a number of Ohio counties.

Region 7

Weekly Updates July 21, 2017



Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Region VII (MO, IA, KS, and NE)

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Healthy People 2020 Health Disparities Data Widget

The Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP) and the Office of Minority Health (OMH) are pleased to announce the release of a new HealthyPeople.gov data search function. The Health Disparities widget is a new way for you to access this health disparities information.

The new widget provides an easy way to find health disparities data related to the Healthy People 2020 objectives for the Leading Health Indicators (LHIs). LHIs are critical health issues that when addressed will help reduce the leading causes of death and preventable illnesses.

It's easy to embed the widget on your site and give your stakeholders easy access to the latest available disparities data. Once you've added the widget, there's no technical maintenance required. The content will update automatically with the latest available data.

The widget provides charts and graphs of disparities data at your fingertips. Use the widget to browse data by:

- Disparity type—including disability, education, income, location, race and ethnicity, and sex)
- Leading Health Indicator

Explore, use and share the widget to help inform issues related to health equity.

Are you hosting an event or want to inform people about your agency's program? If so, please forward information (including date, time, brief narrative, along with a contact person for inclusion within the weekly updates to Janet Greene (Janet.Greene@hhs.gov) or Corstella Henley (Corstella.Henley@hhs.gov) for review and consideration.

Upcoming Events and Trainings

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The Southeastern Health Equity Council (SHEC) released its Cultural Competency Resource Guide in fall 2015. This guide includes resources, trainers' information, institutions, and publications about cultural and linguistic competency that can be shared with the 10 regional health equity councils (RHECs), stakeholders, and partners to help address cultural barriers within healthcare systems. Additionally, this guide includes important terms for SHEC members to become familiar with as the council develops a common language around cultural competency.

To follow up on the release of the Cultural Competency Resource Guide, the SHEC is hosting a series of webinars in various regions of the country. The webinars include speakers from organizations focused on cultural competency. This webinar will discuss the overrepresentation of individuals with serious mental illness in the criminal justice system; the myriad economic, social, and cultural factors contributing to this reality; and program, practice and policy strategies that may prevent criminal justice involvement and strengthen community-based treatment and care. Upon completion of this webinar, participants will be able to accomplish the following from the specific organizational perspective:

1. Understand how the criminal justice system became the largest provider of mental and behavioral health services in the US and why such a model is unsustainable
2. Understand the need for and implications of regulations, standards, policy, and law in protecting the public's mental health at the national and local level
3. Understand the roles of diverse stakeholders in effective decision-making as it relates to corrections and reentry

**July 31st - Mountain States RHEC's Native American Cultural Competency Webinar
Series: Cultural Needs Assessments for Health for Providers Working with Tribal
Communities**

The Mountain States Regional Health Equity Council (RHEC) aims to end health disparities in Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming. One of its main priorities is to provide education and awareness of cultural and linguistic competency within the region. The RHEC is hosting a webinar training series on the history of tribes and treaties, utilization of Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services standards (National CLAS Standards) and cultural sensitivity when working with tribal communities, and the impact of cultural needs

assessments. Upon completion of this webinar, the participants will be able to do the following from the specific tribal perspective:

- Describe the diversity of existing health care in Indian Country and explain the wide and varying differences in tribal health perspectives and cultures of health
- Share examples of best and promising practices of cultural competency aligned with the CLAS Standards
- Increase awareness of health equity challenges in tribal communities through the lens of health and cultural needs assessments

DATE: July 31, 2017

TIME: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Mountain Time

Register Here: <https://tinyurl.com/ybtm3wak>

Complex Connections: Intimate Partner Violence and Women's Substance Abuse and Recovery

Tuesday, August 1, 2017, 2:00-3:30 P.M. EST

REGISTER HERE: <http://tinyurl.com/relationshipsmatter5>

Intimate partner violence (IPV) and women's substance abuse are often intertwined. Some women turn to substances to cope with the trauma of IPV, and others are coerced into using substances by an abusive partner. High rates of substance abuse among women seeking domestic violence (DV) services, along with high rates of IPV among women seeking substance abuse treatment, underscore the need for an integrated approach. However, DV programs are often unprepared to support women around substance abuse, just as behavioral health providers are often unprepared to identify and respond to IPV. This webinar focuses on ways behavioral health and DV service providers can work together to address the complex range of issues women face in trying to find safety, access recovery services, and heal from the trauma of IPV.

Diagnosis, Prevention, and Treatment of Syphilis and HIV — A Healthy People 2020

Progress Review Webinar New!

[Register Now](#) | August 1, 2017 | 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. ET

Join us on Tuesday, August 1 at 12:30 p.m. ET for a Progress Review webinar featuring 2 Healthy People 2020 topic areas:

- Sexually Transmitted Diseases
- HIV

You'll also learn how the Bureau of Infectious Diseases in the Louisiana Department of Health is addressing syphilis and HIV. You can find a complete list of presenters on the registration page.

The Impact of Social and Cultural Values on Breastfeeding Practice and Strategies to Address Disparities

August 3, 2017, 8:30 - 10:30 am ET

For a full description of this program please visit our [website](#) or [informational flyer](#).

Handouts will be on our [website](#) the day before the program.

All of our programs are available [On Demand](#) 2 weeks after the live webcast.

[Click Here to Register](#)

FIHET Equity in All Policies Webinar Series: Advancing Health Equity in Tribal Communities through Public Health Accreditation

You are invited to a webinar hosted by the Federal Interagency Health Equity Team

DATE AND TIME: August 24, 2017, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. EDT

Tribal communities bear a disproportionate burden of social, economic, and/or environmental disadvantage relative to other racially or ethnically defined population groups. Therefore, ensuring that all American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs) achieve the highest level of

health possible will require broad-spectrum action that goes beyond addressing individual determinants and disease management to include action to address such disadvantages. This webinar will highlight the work that has been done at the national level as well as within a tribal community to advance health equity and improve health outcomes for AI/ANs. Presenters will: Provide a background on the landscape of public health in Indian Country; Discuss the findings of an environmental scan on the state of public health accreditation and health equity within tribal communities; and Share one tribe's approach to using public health accreditation activities to achieve health equity within its community.

Karrie Joseph, MPH, CHES, Public Health Programs Manager, NIHB, **Carrie Sampson** (Umatilla, WallaWalla, Cayuse), Assistant Administrator, Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center
Register [Here](#) Click [Here](#) for Full Abstract and Speaker Biographies.

Missouri

Invitation to Kansas City Regional Office 2017 CMS National Training Program

Workshops

Wednesday, August 9, 2017, 12:30PM – 5:00PM & Thursday, August 10, 2017 8:00AM – 4:30PM.

Location: Research Medical Center, 2316 East Meyer Boulevard, Kansas City, MO 64132

As always, there will be no charge to you for the training; however, CMS will not be able to provide food or drinks.

We will be providing materials electronically to attendees prior to the Workshop. Attendees will be responsible for bringing any hard copies of materials they would like, or have access to them electronically on their own personal device. Please make sure the email address in your registration is accurate. In addition, if you register for a Workshop and then later determine you are unable to attend please access Eventbrite and cancel your ticket so others can attend.

Those who register and do not attend may be waitlisted for future CMS events.

For additional information, please contact Lorelei Schieferdecker at

lorelei.schieferdecker@cms.hhs.gov by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Missouri Rural Health Conference: Registration is now open!

Please join The Missouri Rural Health Association, Missouri Hospital Association, Missouri Primary Care Association and Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Office of Primary Care, as Collaborating Partners on August 15-17, 2017 at The Lodge at Old Kinderhook, Camdenton, Missouri for the 2017 Missouri Rural Health Conference. These organizations are combining forces to bring the most up-to-date information and trends to Missouri's rural health providers.

This year's conference focus continues with access to care to improve health outcomes of rural residents by bringing hospitals, FQHC's, physicians, clinicians, health departments, in-home and community front-line workers, community and social agencies, policy makers, CEO's, CFO's, transportation and ambulance professionals, together to learn, understand and build bridges to find solutions for breaking down barriers and increasing health access for all. Please click here to [register](#).

Grants 101 Workshop & VDC Grant Writing Training (August 22 - 25, Kansas City)

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), in partnership with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Minority Health (OMH) and the Kansas City Quality Improvement Consortium, are hosting a Grants 101 Workshop.

Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2017

Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

*Registration starts at 8:00 am. Lunch will not be provided.

Location: Kauffman Foundation Conference Center - 4801 Rockhill Rd, Kansas City, MO 64110

Audience: Community and Faith-based Organizations, Hospitals, Health Centers, Community Colleges, Public Health Departments, Tribes

Topics at a Glance:

- Grants 101: The Federal Grant Application Process
- Federal Funding Opportunities
- Technical Assistance and Resources
- Engaging and Collaborating with Foundations
- Common Mistakes and Important Tips

To register for this free workshop go to <https://kcgrants101workshop.eventbrite.com/>

The 2017 Neighborhood Urban Community Garden-Orchard Walk and Total Man CDC Annual Fall Festival will be Saturday, September 9, 2017.

Santa Fe, Key Coalition and Oak Park urban community gardeners promote this annual walk to bring awareness to community garden- orchard sites within our neighborhoods and to encourage residents, families, neighbors and others to use these sites as walking destinations. This annual walk offers a chance to inspire walking within the neighborhood as a healthy physical activity for all ages and to allow local residents an opportunity to obtain fresh grown produce.

We would welcome companies, or organizations help in publicizing this upcoming Urban Neighborhood Community Garden -Orchard Walk. We are also asking for donations to help with the cost of printing street signs that indicates miles and directions, cases of water,

PowerAde, Gatorade and /or snack bars for participating walkers.

Registered walkers will have a chance to visit and tour six-community gardens, four orchards and one aquaponic site. On-site registration for the Urban Neighborhood Community Garden - Orchard Walk will begin at 8:30 am and end at 9:30 am. Registered walkers can start walking at 9:00 am and end whenever they reach the Fall Festival location at 3100 East 31st Street.

If you have any questions, please contact me, at 816-377-9068 or email tonigat@swbell.net

Taking Action for a Healthier Missouri Now!

Presented by Missouri Public Health Association, Missouri Association of Local Public Health Agencies, Missouri Institute for Community Health, and Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services

Date: September 25 - 27, 2017

Where: Stoney Creek Inn, Columbia, MO

Information regarding registration can be found here: <http://www.mopha.org/viewevent.php?id=1226>

LEVERAGING SOCIAL MEDIA & DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS

Facilitated by: Jake Lowen and Sean Soendker Nicholson, GPS Impact

Kauffman Foundation Conference Center

September 29, 2017

8:30am – 11:30am

At this interactive workshop, learn how to strengthen your advocacy efforts by leveraging best practices for common social media platforms and organizational websites. We will review the most popular digital communication tool sets, discuss nonprofit sector benchmarks and identify

potential goals for your organization. Participants will receive a resource list and toolkit for integrating social media strategies into your advocacy efforts.

Registration Open for the 15th Annual Missouri Health Policy Summit, October 26-27, 2017

October 26-27, 2017 Hilton Garden Conference, Columbia, MO

How we produce and consume food has a bigger impact on American's well-being than any other human activity. The food industry is the largest sector of our economy and food touches everything from our health to the environment, climate change, economic inequality and the federal budget. The time is ripe to revisit our food system and identify ways to change our policies to improve health.

On another track, the New Administration and the 115th US Congress is planning and implementing changes in the priorities for national health policies.

This is a unique time in history to examine the intersection between these two policy arenas. This presents opportunities for wins in both policy arenas that assures access to healthful food, appropriate food marketing, chronic disease prevention, and reduced health care costs and premature deaths.

Summit Objectives:

Identify food and health policy intersections and opportunities for gains in both arenas to improve Missouri's economy and public health.

Examine the impact of local, state and federal food policy and environmental change on health, including

Local projects and programs with demonstrated success in Missouri; Private sector actions making a difference in public health; State-level policy initiatives; and The Farm Bill, federal food policy and public health. Review the major shifts in food and nutrition patterns and the impact these have had on Missouri's rates of preventable, chronic disease. Share the most current information on health reform in 2017 and implications for Missouri.

IOWA

3rd Annual LGBTQ Senior Summit

Registration is now open for our 3rd Annual LGBTQ Senior Summit! **This year's summit will be held on Saturday, August 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Grand View University Student Center.**

[Click here to register for the 3rd Annual LGBTQ Senior Summit!](#)

Formerly known as "Gay & Gray in the Midwest", this annual event provides workshops, speakers, and social opportunities to address the needs of older LGBTQ people in Iowa. While this event will focus on the needs of older LGBTQ Iowans, we welcome attendees of all ages. The issues discussed likely intersect with your life in some way regardless of age.

Act fast to take advantage of our early bird ticket pricing! All tickets purchased before Friday, July 14 are \$20, while those purchased after are \$30. Ticket prices include light breakfast and lunch. Sponsorship, advertisement, and tabling opportunities are also available.

Buy your ticket to the 3rd Annual LGBTQ Senior Summit now to take advantage of our early bird special!

2017 Mental Health Conference

October 3, 2017

Holiday Inn Airport

6111 Fleur Drive

Des Moines, IA 50321

The 2017 Mental Health Conference is designed for professionals, clinicians, administrators, educators, consumers, family members, advocates, and other providers.

Conference Audience and Objectives:

- Provide an educational opportunity to hear professionals and experts share the most recent trends and issues, treatment methods, and research relating to mental health, mental illness, and co-occurring disorders.
 - Provide a forum to stimulate discussion, exchange ideas, and strengthen the support and information network around the state.
 - Generate public interest in issues relating to mental health and co-occurring disorders.
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Iowa One Health Conference

The upcoming second annual 2017 Iowa One Health Conference will bring together a multidisciplinary cast of students and professionals in relevant fields to learn and discuss how the concept of One Health can help drive positive change in the health of

humans, animals, and the environment.

Planning for IOHC 2017 is currently underway. Stay tuned on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for updates!

Event 2nd-Annual 2017 Iowa One Health Conference

Date Saturday, October 14th, 2017

Time 9:00AM – 5:00 PM

Location University of Iowa College of Public Health Building

Cost TBD

2017 conference registration: to be announced.

For poster presenters, click [here](#).

For travel information, click [here](#).

To find out more about the Inaugural 2016 Iowa One Health Conference, click [here](#).

Nebraska

2017 Rural Health Conference

September 20 – 21, 2017

Younes Conference Center

Kearney, NE

Nebraska Rural Health Conference bring together residents of rural Nebraska communities, rural health professionals of all specialties representatives of state, local, and national governments, and the full range of private sector rural health

organizations.

For more information: <http://nebraskaruralhealth.org/events/2017>

Nebraska Public Health Association Conference

September 22, 2017

Embassy Suites in Lincoln, NE

Call for presentations and posters at <http://publichealthne.org/>

Kansas

REACH Foundation Hosts Summer Series on Immigrant Health

The REACH Foundation invites representatives from nonprofit organizations, governmental entities and others involved in immigrant and migrant worker health and social services to join us for a **Summer Series on Immigrant Health**. All programs are free and open to interested community members.

The REACH Healthcare Foundation will host a summer discussion series for nonprofit organization staff and trustees, and other interested groups to examine health and social service needs of immigrants and migrant workers in our region.

The series begins June 9 with a conversation about legal issues. The session will be facilitated by **Irene Caudillo**, president and CEO of El Centro, Inc., with presenters **Raymond Rico**, Garcia Immigration Law Firm, and **Suzanne Gladney** of the Migrant Farmworkers Assistance Fund. RSVP today: mathew@reachhealth.org

Fall 2017 Technical Assistance Cluster: Integrating Advocacy into Your Organization

Overview: Making advocacy part of your nonprofit organization's work does not necessarily mean hiring new staff! Melinda Lewis will work with teams to develop strategies for engaging leadership, staff, volunteers and clients as advocates and champions for their mission.

Meeting Schedule: Four (4) two-hour sessions; 9:00am – 11:00am

October 4, 17 and November 1, 2017

REACH Healthcare Foundation

6700 Antioch Rd # 200 Overland Park, KS 66204

November 14, 2017

Down Syndrome Guild of Greater Kansas City's Training Room

5960 Dearborn St, Ste 100 Mission, KS 66202

To apply for your organization to participate in the Fall 2017 Technical Assistance Cluster, [click here](#) for the application and brief assessment. Once completed, please submit your application and brief assessment to meganf@supportkc.org. Space is limited.

Deadline to apply is July 14, 2017.

Organizations will be notified on August 9, 2017 to confirm participation

Funding Opportunities

New FY 2017 Funding Opportunity Announcement

The Office of Minority Health (OMH) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services administers cooperative agreement and grant programs to support projects that implement innovative models to improve minority health and reduce health disparities.

OMH has released a new competitive funding opportunity announcement (FOA) for which applications are now being accepted. Applications are due by August 1, 2017 at 5 PM ET.

Announcement Number: MP-CPI-17-004

Opportunity Title: Empower Communities for a Healthier Nation Initiative

Estimated Funding Level: \$5 million per one-year budget period, for a project period of three years

The Office of Minority Health (OMH) at the United States Department of Health and Human Services announces the availability of Fiscal Year 2017 cooperative agreement funds for the Empowered Communities for a Healthier Nation Initiative. The Empowered Communities for a Healthier Nation Initiative seeks to reduce significant health disparities impacting racial and ethnic minorities and/or disadvantaged populations through implementing evidence-based strategies with the greatest potential for impact.

The program is intended to serve residents in communities disproportionately impacted by the opioid epidemic; childhood/adolescent obesity; and serious mental illness.

[Learn more about this FOA and how to apply.](#)

Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control - NCCDPHP

PPHF-2017-Building Public Health Infrastructure in Tribal Communities to Accelerate Disease Prevention and Health Promotion in Indian Country Synopsis 1
<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=295254>

Department of Justice

Office for Victims of Crime

OVC FY 17 Vision 21: Integrated Services for Victims Program: Increasing Access to Mental Health Services for Victims of Crime Synopsis 2

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=295072>

Department of Health and Human Services

Centers for Disease Control - OSTLTS

Building Capacity of the Public Health System to Improve Population Health through National, Nonprofit Organizations, financed in part by 2017 Prevention and Public Health Funds Synopsis 5

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=292861>

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Community Living

Diversity and Inclusion Training Action Plan Implementation Grant Synopsis 1

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=292433>

Missouri Foundation For Health Grants

Our website currently features a variety funding opportunities, but three are closing soon. **Apply before it's too late!**

Strengthening Public Health Infrastructure Through Innovation

Request for Applications

Organizations in our service region are invited to apply for funds to implement innovative projects aimed at strengthening public health infrastructure and supporting ideas that foster learning. We are seeking projects that are different or modified from what has been tried before, to transform the way public health services are delivered in Missouri. Reach out to us and we can work together to develop your idea!

The deadline to apply is August 14, 2017.

Opportunity Fund

We believe that the best strategies to address community health issues often come directly from our communities. This is the chance for visionary thinkers to tell us their best ideas with the hope of making them a reality. Start a conversation with us today!

This fund has a rolling deadline, so it's always a great time to apply!

Join our Board of Directors

Don't delay! The deadline to apply is Friday, August 11.

As a member of our Board you'd have the opportunity to be engaged in our very meaningful work as we strive to improve the health and well-being of individuals and communities most in need.

Members play an essential role in all of our efforts and serve as stewards of our financial assets. Now is your chance to be a part of our worthy cause!

LACTATION SUPPORT MINI-GRANT FOR BUSINESSES

The Missouri Breastfeeding Friendly Worksite Program is a state-wide initiative to increase employer support for breastfeeding mothers. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior

Services (DHSS) is offering up to \$500 to a limited number of Missouri employers to create or improve their lactation support policies and programs. For example, funds may be used on locks on doors, privacy screens/partitions, comfortable chair, table or other flat surface to hold a breast pump, or signs. To be eligible to receive a mini-grant, the employer must submit their breastfeeding support policy which must be in compliance with the breastfeeding support requirements from the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). Applications can be found [here](#). To apply, please complete the application and budget, and submit by September 1 to marcia.davis@health.mo.gov. Please call 573-522-2820 with any questions.

NIH Grants - How to Apply Video Tutorials

New to the NIH grant process? Ever wish someone would explain and walk you through applying for NIH grants step by step? If so, the [new page](#) from NIH Office of Extramural Research may be just for you.

Linked from the How to Apply page, you will find [four new interactive tutorials](#) on the basics of preparing, writing, and submitting your application. Tutorials take between 4 to 11 minutes each to listen through, and you can easily jump ahead to chapters of interest, or navigate back to review something you've missed. These tutorials link to additional resources and transcripts.

Rural Health Opioid Program

Grant Opportunity from HHS Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

This announcement solicits applications for the Rural Health Opioid Program (RHOP). The purpose of RHOP is to promote rural health care services outreach by expanding the delivery of opioid related health care services to rural communities. The program will reduce the morbidity and mortality related to opioid overdoses in rural communities through the development of broad community consortiums to prepare individuals with opioid-use disorder (OUD) to start treatment, implement care coordination practices to organize patient care activities, The program supports three (3) years of funding. This program incorporates a range of objectives to respond